Sellafield told to clean up in twelve months

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The investigation began in

"minor" incidents of leaks

which occurred this year.

• Fire in a trench at the waste

disposal site at Drigg, adjacent

to Sellafield, on February 13 • Leak of liquid from a

cracked pipe carrying effluent

Contamination with pluto-

nium dust in equipment

where operators were making

plutonium pellets on March 1. The report concludes that

none of the five incidents was

capable of significantly affect-

ing the public, though one

incident could have had seri-

ous consequences for some

workers if protective systems

had not come into play and

prevented escalation.
British Nuclear Fuels said

that high priority had been

tion completing its remaining

porating 16 divisions, the

legislation empowering an im-

posed settlement in the long-

running schools dispute was

given a third reading by 235

votes to 152 - a Government

thon sitting was the scheduled Commons clash between the

Prime Minister and Mr Neil

Kinnock, which was widely

expected to focus on Labour's

Tory and Alliance MPs

were saying that Labour kept

talking to save Mr Kinnock further embarrassment over

his party's plans to scrap

nuclear weapons, but this was

strongly denied by Opposition

They pointed to minutes of

last week's shadow cabinet meeting at which it was de-

cided to mount an all-out

assault on what was regarded

rushed through the House.

(David Smith writes).

as a "brutal" measure being

Labour MPs were told last

omy next year is good, says the grasp.

Thursday to expect a sitting

unilateralist defence policy.

majority of 83.

sources.

Attention centred on five

and exposures of radiation.

and 24.

on February 5

Safety audit Undue secrecy

on February 18

British Nuclear Fuels has been given 12 months to make February after a number of changes to its nuclear waste reprocessing plant at Sellafield, in Cumbria.

The company was told yes-terday by the Health and They involved: Safety Executive that unless • Discharges of uranium to the Irish Sea on January 23 the modifications were made

the site would be closed. The demands come in the Release of a radioactive aerosol in the B205 building wake of the publication of the safety audit of Sellafield by the Nuclear Installations Inspec-torate, which criticized BNFL for short-term measures over maintenance of older plant that gave rise to most leaks and exposures radiation.

Mr John Rimington, direc-tor general of the Safety Executive, said: "These are not recommendations. The changes have been imposed. They will have to be im-plemented. We intend that they should be carried out

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without delay."
Lasi night, the company said the audit was "a helpful contribution to the further improvement of safety at

The range of improvements requested covered management, control and instrumentation, containment, ventilation, decontamination, transfer of radio active materi-

@ The £4,000 daily prize in the Portfolio Gold competition was shared by two readers. Details

page 3. O There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 29; new to play, information service, page 22.

Nimrod row takes on

The political row over the Government's choice of an airborne early warning system was intensifying last night, with accusations from supporters of GEC's Nimrod that the RAF has been leaking information to undermine the British option and conflicting Commons motions signed by cohorts of Tones.

Ministers are to decide within the next few days between the British-made sys-tem, which has cost £900 million to develop and Boeing's E3-Awacs.

Cecil Parkinson, page 18

Nato talks

Nato is to hold direct talks for. the first time with the Warsaw Pact on conventional arms control "from the Atlantic to Page 22

TIMES SPORTS

End of Boycott The cricket career of Geoffrey Boycott the world's leading Test run-scorer, seems over after his rejection of a contract with Derbyshire to allay cpposition to his standing again as a Yorkshire committee member Page 38

Four-day deal

Four-day cricket matches will become part of the county championship for the first time in 1988, the Test and County Cricket Board decided at their winter meeting at lord's Page 38

Slim chance

White Crusader's chances in the America's Cup look slim. An international jury have rejected the British protest against USA for changing her forward rudder

FIMES BUSINESS: Britain calling

British Telecom intends to match the best telecommunications companies in the worlo with an investment of £21 hillion on systems and Page 23

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concern about reprocessing

It accepted that it was

timely to deploy more re-

sources on improving the older operating plants on the site, which were under

Mr Eddie Ryder, the chief nuclear inspector, said: There is nothing that affects

the risks and dangers to the public. The problems we have uncovered largely affect the doses of radiation to

Mr Rimington said there

had been a distinct improve-

ment in the amount of radio

active discharge and in the incidents involving exposures

applied in a way that reduced

the attention paid to poten-tially hazardous parts of the old plant. Some of those did

not yet come np to the standard demanded.

There was criticism over

delays in the preparation of a fully developed "safety case" for the reprocessing plant. There was also criticism over a short-term approach to

They had subjected it to full

which debates it on January

The Bill scraps the

Burnham pay bargaining

machinery and replaces it with an interim advisory commit-

tee to make recommendations

Secretary of State for Educa-

But Mr Baker will be the

Labour's attack centred on

final arbiter over any orders

the accusation that the Sec-

retary of State was robbine

teachers of their trade unions

rights in defiance of inter-

But Mr Baker insisted that

laid before Parliament.

national conventions.

and conditions.

tion and Science.

to workers.

given to the development of maintenance and to renewed

new plants, including those to in important parts of the

reduce radioactive discharges
to the sea, to meet what was
seen as the public's main procedures.

Filibuster fails to

halt schools Bill

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Lahour MPs yesterday Earlier yesterday, a weary wiped out the day's business in the Commons after a 23-frontbench education spokes-

hour protest finituster against man, said the 30 backbeach the teachers' pay Bill. "sharpshooters" who had But their action failed to fought the Bill through the

stop the controversial legisla- night had made their point.

After a debate lasting a little its contents to a wider public short of 24 hours and incorand sent a signal to the Lords,

One casualty of the mara- to Mr Kenneth Baker, the

operations at Sellafield.

Royal pair break new ground at Bond film set | Anderton



The Princess of Wales smashing a film stont synthetic sugar glass bottle over the Prince of Wales's head yesterday when they visited Pinewood studios, Buckinghamshire, to see the making of Living Daylights, the new James Bond film. He said the policies of the company in improving the plant seemed to be the right

Satellite TV licence for Virgin partners

By Jonathan Miller Media Correspondent

The Independent Broadcasting Authority yesterday awarded a 15-year franchise to operate Britain's direct broadcasting satellite service to British Satellite Broadcasting, a consortium formed by Granada the Pearson group (publishers of the Financial Times) and Virgin, with Amstrad Consumer Electronics and Anglia Television.
The consortium, BSB, said

it planned to start transmitting three new channels by 1990, and would seek addi tional investors to provide the £500-£600 million finance Lord 'i temson of Mori-fieth, IBA chairman, said the project was the first privately financed satellite broadcasting system in the world. If successful, it could create up to 25,000 new jo

Mr Andrew Quinn, ordinator of BSB, said that four separate programme services will be provided, sharing the three channels available.

One channel devoted entirely to feature films, will be available by subscription for a weekly fee of about £2.50, and BSB said it plans to participate directly in the production of 12 feature films a year.

The other two channels, one a children's service, the other general entertainment, will be supported by advertising.

Opposition mounts to S African censorship

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

freedom and credibility of the

A storm of protest from newspapers and opposition parties greeted the imposition yesterday by Pretoria of sweeping new censorship of press, radio and television reporting of civil unrest and most forms of extra-parliamentary opposition to the

Government,
Mr Colin Eglin, leader of the
Progressive Federal Party, the
liberal anti-apartheid official
opposition in the white House
of Assembly, said the new
restrictions, which apply to
both local and foreign journalists, had "in effect, pronounced the death sentence
on press freedom in South
Africa."

". Johannesburg's evening newspeper, The Ster, in a front-page editorial comment under the heading "An Iron Curtain", warned its readers.
"This is just possibly the last issue of any relatively free newspaper you will read in South Africa."
In a similar front-page state-

ment, the Pretoria Newssaid: Well, that's it. Today South Africa joins such sophistic autocracies as Zambia, Mozambique, Tanzania, Paraguay, China and its own arch foe, Soviet Russia. It now has in common with them that distinctive characteristic of dictatorial regimes: political

control of the press." The paper went on: "Of course, this does not disturb the SABC (South African

Broadcasting Corporation) or

the (Afrikaans) newspapers. For Mr Jaap Marais, of the extreme right-wing Herstigte Nasionale Party, Pretoria was which, with mild protest, will don the muzzle. But it eff-"going too far" in requiring official clearance of unrest ectively means the end of the

reports.

A spokesman for the United

Democratic Front, the broad

multi-racial alliance of anti-

apartheid organizations, said

it intended to challenge the

validity of the new press curbs

The UDF, most of whose

activities will now be unrep-ortable except in a form approved by the Government, said it feared that any possibil-

ity of a relatively non-violent

negotiated transition to

Prohibited material covers

in the Supreme Court.

appear permanently.

independent newspapers."
Mr Hal Miller, executive chairman of the Argus Com-pany, one of the two main English newspaper groups, said: "The regulations are even more restrictive than we expected, and the flickering lamp of freedom has dimmed alarmingly. Our newspapers will be severely handicapped in their primary task of providing information to the

public, and there is a very real danger that, in the absence of independent reporting and analysis, the people of South Africa will be prey to exag-gerated and disruptive rumour."

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up by the Government's Bunews and comment about all forms of unrest, from riots and police action to protest marches, meetings, funerals, (B) boycous and politically-motivated strikes, as well as reporting of statements encouraging people to take part in such activity.

The Foreign Correspondents' Association said its members would continue to do their best to inform the public of events.

Blanket of silence, page 8

crusade against

Northern Correspondent

Mr James Anderton, lay preacher and Britain's most outspoken chief constable, vesterday launched a moral crusade against Aids. He decried it as the self-inflicted

scourge of society.

The new president of the Association of Chief Police Officers and recent convert to catholicism said the spread of Aids in the so-called civilized Western society could be blamed on the increasingly degenerate conduct of the human race and a cesspool of immorality.

Officers from forces throughout the country, who were attending a seminar organized by Greater Manches-ter police to discuss policies and safeguards to protect officers coming into future con-tact with Aids carriers, sat stunned as the head of Britain's largest provincial force delivered his surprise

Mr Anderton told the 160 delegates from 43 forces that because of his personal lifestyle he felt Aids posed no threat to him.

But as a Christian, police officer, husband, father, and lover of the human race who cared about future generations of yet unborn children be sought answers to baffling and hewildering questions.

with a preacher's practised skill Mr Anderton led his audience gently into the subject. Bestdes those suffering the self-inflicted scourge were many others who were company others. many others who were com-pletely innocent victims.

The whole of society, he suggested, must be worried about the disease for social, political, practical and not least of all moral reasons.

Of intense worry were television reports which discussed the possibility of whole generations being wiped out and of entire nations being decimated.

Mr Anderton spoke of Aids as a crippling commentary of twentieth century lifestyle.

democracy would now dis-"If, as we are told, Aids is for the most part a sexually transmitted disease then it should be easy to stop. But how can it be in the light of The new regulations require all articles containing prohibited material to be telexed for vetting hy an inter-depart-mental press liaison centre, set behaviour?"

Mr Anderton then launched into the crux of his theme with a zealot's fervour.

"Why do bomosexuals freely engaged in sodomy and other ohnoxious sexual prac-tices knowing the dangers involved?" he asked. "Why is this question not asked of these people?
"Why do prostitutes, in-

fected or not, ply their trade regardless. Why is that ques-tion not asked every day on television? "Why do so called happily

married men receive the sexual services of prostitutes or Continued on page 22, col 6

Computer funds sought in hunt for child killer

bis proposals would respect such rights because the unions asked to provide funds for the would have a part to play in the determination of salaries standardization of police computer information on three child murders.

Moving the third reading, he said it was a pity the Opposition had not had more A spokesman for six chief constables said yesterday they were convinced that the murto say about children's rights and parents' rights - notably ders could be solved. But the right to an uninterrupted important parallels could not lasting late into the night in an attempt to expose the short-comings of the Government's restore this right. be followed up because of a lack of resources to transfer information to a recentlyacquired Home Office computer, called Holmes. Economy 'looks bright'
The outlook for the econ- or ought to be, within our

The chief constables decided this week to approach the Home Office for financial backing after three meetings at which they discussed the considerable financial and resource implications" of such an operation.

invest more next year than at According to the Departany time since the late 1970s ment of Trade and Industry's The police said-yesterday that the move indicated the The Bank, in its Quarterly vey, the volume of investment Bulletin. says: "The Chanby industry will rise by 6 per importance of a possible link between the murders of Carocellor of the Exchequer has cent next year and by a similar Int in 1988.

Bank optimism, page 23 disappeared in July 1983, ual constabularies.

The Home Office is to be Susan Maxwell, aged 11, who went missing in July 1982, and Sarah Harper, aged 10, who disappeared last March.

A spokesman for the Lo thian and Borders police said: "Right from the start we realized that there could well be a link between the Hogs and Maxwell murders. It has many very distinctive and very important parallels.

But computerization of all three cases would involve the transer of 70,000 records on the Hogg case alone. Converting manual indexes to the Holmes programme is a massive manpower and logistical problem," he said. Mr Charles McLachlan,

Nottinghamshire chief constable, who chaired the meetings, has said previously that the murders could have been committed by the same man. A Home Office spokesman said that computerization was the responsibility of individ-

refuge in Peru fails By Michael Horsnell

Fleming

Peru last night dashed the hopes of refuge for Mr John Fleming, the Briton wanted by Scotland Yard for questioning over the £26 million Brinks-Mat robbery, by withdrawing a visa granted to him earlier Under US law Fleming. who has been held in Miam for almost four months, faces deportation to Britain if be is unable to find a country willing to give him refuge. Since August, he has been

expelled or turned back from Spain, Costa Rica, Panama and the Dominican Republic, and now may be running short of possible hosts. The Immigration and Natu-

ralization Service said officials at the Peruvian consulate in Miami revoked his visa after learning that he was being sought for questioning by Scotland Yard.

MPs query ban on Chamberlain's private diary

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent Historians and MPs are told that they could be re-

Bank of England. And manu-facturing industry plans to will grow by 3 per cent,

painted a picture of non-amount in 1988.

questioning the action of Sir leased next year. Robert Armstrong, the Cahinet Secretary, in stopping the publication next month of the private diary and papers of Neville Chamberlain.

inflationary growth which is,

Birmingham University, which houses the papers consisting of a diary and several letters from Chamberlain to his sisters, was planning to release the papers in 50-year ban on the docu-

On receiving the papers 1976 the university contacted

But the university has recently been told by Sir Robert

Investment Intentions Sur-

that the original advice was a mistake and that the papers were subject to the 100-year secrecy, rule on ministeral papers relating to the abdica-The earlier mistake had

apparently been made because the officials concerned forgot January, in accordance with that Chamberlain was, as what it had been led to believe Chancellor of the Exchequer, a by the Capinel Office was a member of the Baldwin Cabinet which had to wrestle with the crisis.

However, historians are from Chamberlain's family in raising doubts over the legal basis for Sir Robert's action in of public records Acts through the Cabinet Office and was stopping the release of private, the decades.



tured in 1936. as opposed to ministerial,

Ministerial papers are the property of the Crown and therefore subject to the terms

may have discretion to stop the publication of private papers if their contents are thought to contain material similar to that in ministerial papers which are the subject of Mr B S Benedikz, sub-

librarian of special collections at Birmingham, said yesterday: "This is a grey area. It raises the question of when the responsibility of a Cabinet minister ends. Do the private recollections of events that occurred in Cahinet amount to ministerial papers if they are written down and committed to a diary? "

He said university authorities would be discussing how 10 clear up the confusion.

Experts on public records believe that the Cabinet Office MP for Mossley Hill, is tabling questions to the Lord Privy Seal, Mr John Biffen, asking why the papers were being withheld.

He said yesterday: "The legality of this action must be investigated. The documents are not government documents and several other private collections of papers of politicians relating to the abdication have already been opened to historical

inspection. "Senior Civil Servants seem to have a knee-jerk reaction to try to suppress the publication of information. Now this seems to be extending to historical documents that can have no bearing on present day security affairs."

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David, it can't be a day too soon. **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY** 35 Macaulay Road, London SW4 OQP, Reg. Chanty No. 205395.

NEWS SUMMARY

Bomb attempt by IRA foiled

The Provisional IRA yesterday sent a parcel bomh to the offices of n member of the Northern Ireland police authority as part of an intimidation campaign against its

Terrorists hid the explosive device inside a book before sending the parcel through the mail at a time when postmen are coping with the huge Christmas rush.

A businessman became suspicious when it was delivered

ssman became suspicious when it was delivered to his premises in Belfast's city centre and carried the package to an RUC station near by where Army bomb disposal experts defesed the device.

Police to get armour Mr Charles Kelly, Chief Constable of Staffordshire, was

yesterday told he may have five armour-plated vehicles in which to transport police.

Mr Kelly had asked his police authority for the vehicles to be fitted with the armour, which includes plastic lining inside, iron-grill windows and anti-riot tyres and petrol

Although it is the first time the force has had armour-plated vehicles, the chief constable dismissed suggestions that they represented a new initiative. He said they merely replaced existing vehicles.

Inquiry into firm

hranch yesterday began an investigation into the £5 million crash of Liverpool's festival gardens.

It was disclosed last week that more than 550 companies were owed a total of £5.4 million by Transworld Leisure, the company which ran the former international gar-den festival site. Mr John Anton, head of the firm, has resigned from the com-pany which planned to repovate the resort.

Maxwell damages

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, was yesterday awarded £5,000 in the High Court against WH Smith & Son, who distrib-uted an issue of Private Eye that contained a libel against him.

WH Smith apologized. The court was told that it had continued to distribute Private Eye after it stated that it would justify the allegation, which it failed

to do. Mr Maxwell was awarded £55,000 against the magazine last mouth.

Adult training boost

A £3 million scheme to boost adult training in industry was announced last night by Mr George Walden, Under Sectretary of State for Education and Science.

The scheme, called Pickup, will provide courses at colleges, polytechnics and universities to help to adults update their skills. Annual grants of between £25,000 and £150,000 will be made available.

A report released yesterday said building societies were also seeking better management training because of new laws which allow them greater competition with banks.

Union ballot

Voting in the re-run bal-lot which will decide whether Mr John Macreadie (right), a supporter of Militant Tendency, be-comes general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association is ex-pected to be completed today.

A report showed that 21 branches of the association with a membership of 2,270, were unable to vote in the last ballot which gave Mr Macreadie a victory hy 121 votes.



Victory for disabled

More severely disabled people will qualify for extra allowances under new arrangements announced by the social security minister, Mr John Major, yesterday.

From April 1988, when the social security reforms come into effect, severely disabled people living independently in the community will qualify for an extra premium even if they are currently received to be a security result. they are currently receiving the lower rate of attendance

The aunouncement comes after widespread criticism of the original proposal that only those receiving attendance allowance at the higher rate would be eligible. Mr Major said that 7,000 people would qualify at a cost of £8 million.

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Solicitors vote to lift advertising rules

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

A new publicity code giving solicitors wide freedom to advertise in supermarkets, stations and post offices, on teeshirts or as sponsors for sporting or other events, was endorsed in principle by the Law Society council yes-

But at the end of a long and intense debate the 70-member council decisively rejected a

Private charities in Britain

They could then be incor-

porated into the welfare state

system she adds in a forth-

coming television programme

on the work of the Save the

Children Fund in Great

But the charities should not

absolve the state system of its

extended, says the Princess, who is president of the fund

which is best known for

Princess Anne says in the

hour-long documentary, The Princess and the Children, which will be shown by TV

that the fund spends a third of

its income on work in Britain's inner-city areas.

Its projects include a centre

to care for the children of

Protestant and Catholic de-

statement

Former police constable

Tom Clarke, who claimed on

television programme that

In the presence of his solic-

constable of the West Mid-

told a World in Action docu-mentary that while on duty at

Aston, Birmingham, he saw

been beaten up by police. Mr Clarke left the police

of the country, and security

staff have been told not to

By Tim Jones

Hardline print union ac-

tivists are putting increasing

Dean, general secretary of

Sogat '82, to demand a recall

of the TUC to discuss reopen-

ing disciplinary action against

the electricians' union, which

has members working at the

News International plant at

The activists, and their diminishing band of supporters, are being backed by the

London Communist Cam-

Wapping, east London.

relax the constant search.

lands police.

overseas relief work.

Britain.

responsibilities.

Charities

must change,

Princess

Anne says

By Paul Vallely

should pioneer new tech-niques of caring for the soc-ially deprived, Princess Anne makes perfectly good sense to

The innovative role of char-ities is already evident in much more flexible and can

certain areas and could well be respond much more quickly,

South on New Year's Day, groups of people who fall

tainees in Belfast; a playhus look for areas which are being scheme to minister to the neglected for one reason or

needs of gypsy children in the another - people falling

and literacy project for Asian She said the aim was to find mothers and their children in some practical way in which

London; and inner-city we can approach the problem schemes to give moral and so that it can be incorporated

legal support to some of the in the welfare state, parents of the nine million The fund is happy to prime children in Britain who live such initiates which currently

below the official poverty line. cost about £5.6 million a year People needed to be edu-torun. But we do not want to

cated about their rights under 80 on running them. They are the welfare state system, the there, if they work, to be taken

Home Counties, a day-care through the safety net."

projects."

through.

tate agents, banks or building societies for the introduction

The proposal was a key part of a package for revised practice rules which would have paved the way for radical change. Final council approval was deferred for the new publicity code, as well as the remaining revised practice rules, until next month.

Under the proposed new other professionals, are likely

There is no point in us

inform people of what is available for them."

She says there is now a

greater awareness in local

authorities for grant aid to be

channeled through voluntary

agencies, which can try out

whether they work before local authorities take them on.

so they are probably much better placed to carry out

those sort of investigative

They also have another

important function. The wel-

fare state is a safety net but there will always be some

The Princess says Save the

Children's work at home is

"every bit as important" as its

"It has always tended to

She said the aim was to find

"It is one way of finding out

new approaches.

make arrangements with es- to set up companies providing spring. services, such as company secretarial services: trustee or executor companies; or property display centres. But a ban is proposed on "niving off" part of a solicitor's practice such as conveyancing - to a

> This issue with the question of solicitors employed by financial institutions, and that of mixed partnerships with

proposal to allow solicitors to rules, solicitors would be able to be looked at separately next The publicity code and the

revised practice rules will come up for final approval at the Law Society council meeting next month.

Under the new code there is a complete shift in emphasis. which allows almost all advertising instead of only limited advertising as now. Advertising on television, hy direct mail and on "moveable objects" is permitted.

the package as a whole. Mr Peter Verdin, who chaired the working party, gave a warning that solicitors would be squeezed out of mainstream commercial life" unless they

John Franks, called the proposals a "rogues' charter" and balloted on the proposed new

'Meanest' councils attacked

By Richard Evans Political Correspondent

will be launched by the La-

bour Party today.

The campaign is intended to counter the "loony Left" attack launched by the Govantack launched by the G

Tory "meany" council will be

under five entering primary school:

September 1985; Commission to say the coun-

• Stopped all internal redecoration in schools, youth and community centres this

Labour-controlled Derby-shire, school meals are 30p much to collect, more is spent on road repairs, over 30 times as much is invested in eco-nomic development, under-fives have nearly four times as good a chance of getting a school place and there are, proportionally, more police. "meanest municipalities" list include:

 Bromley, which intends to put up council rents by 25 per cent and evict 100 people from their bomes over the next two years to make way for a shopping development; Buckinghamshire County Council, which has just cut all school meals;

agreed to the changes.

But there was wide opposition from many members. Mr said the profession should be

A propaganda offensive to highlight the "meanest" Con-servative-controlled councils

ernment against left-wing authorities. Each month the record of a

compared with that of a similar Labour-controlled authority. The first council will be Berkshire which, Labour claims: • Prevented any children

 Used secret procedures to scrap seven new nursery classes due for opening in

• Cut staff in higher education, affecting particularly dance and drama courses; Cut back on road maintenance, leading to the Audit cil should spend another £600,000:

Labour will say that in cheaper, rubbish costs half as Other councils on Labour's

books and equipment · Wandsworth, which privatized rubbish collection and then won an award for dirty streets.

Collieries' waste still polluting coastline

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Richard Tracey, the iunior environment minister, was yesterday show the full extent of the "black waste" pollution, along the coastline of Co Durham, caused by the dumping of colliery waste.

Mr Tracey spent an hour in a helicopter being shown the area around Seaham Harbour to discover the full extent of the problem.

Afterwards he toured five beaches with Mr Ken Moses. technical director of British Coal, and met local councillors and environmental pressure groups to discuss ways of clearing the ugly black

wasie. Several schemes are already under way; £740,000 has been spent at Blackhall, and 240,000 is earmarked for land reclamation in the Easington area, with 100 per cent grant aid. Mr Tracey was investigating how the Government could aid future clear-up schemes, in co-operation with British Coal.

Afterwards, he said future joint land reclamation schemes put forward by British Coal and local people would be given a high priority for government assistance.

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Future upping by British Coal could be concentrated on one site. 10 ease environmental problems. He emphasized that the industry should meet the costs of achieving the environmental standards of the day. Mr William Waldegrave,

the environment and countryside minister, has been given a frosty reception hy some water authorities after his announcement that 350 bathing beaches around the country have to be brought up to EEC standards hy the end of the 1990s. At present only about half

Britain's beaches meet the Community's requirements. Others, including popular resorts such as Blackpool, would fail the tests according to initial results from a two-year survey of the beaches due to be completed next year.

· Mr Cliff Davies, the South Wales area director of British Coal, who has presided over the closure of half the coalfield's pits since the end of the miners' strike, is to retire,

Since his appointment, in July last year, Mr Davies has closed 13 pits and cut manpower in the coalfield from 21,000 to 11.800. The cuts. together with investment totalling £100 million in new high technology coalfaces, brought the area into profit for the first time since the Second Surrey County Council, World War. He is to be succeeded by the deputy director (mining) Mr Ron Price, voo wiii take over on Mr Davies, aged 61, took

over as area director on July I last year, four months after the end of the miners' strike.

Prosecution of former MI5 officers unlikely

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent Sir Michael Havers, Attor- Lord Rothschild's case, after a

counter-espionage.

However it is now felt unlikely that any will face prosecution. Sir Michael is expected to make a statement soon in a written answer

A number of allegations have been made about former members of M15 and M16 in connection with books by journalists since the start of the government case against the former MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright, in Sydney

ney General, is still consid- statement by Mr Wright that ering whether to take action against a number of former and arranged for him to meet MI5 and MI6 officers, includ- Mr Chapman Pincher with the ing Lord Rothschild, for their aim of writing a book about alleged involvement in books Soviet penetration of MI5.
on British espionage and Although Lord Rothschild has not explained why be

brought Mr Wright to meet Mr Pincher, Sir Michael is likely to decide against legal action. Other former intelligence officers under investigation are Sir Arthur Franks, former MI6 director-general, Sir Dick White, former head of MI5 and MI6, Mr Arthur Martin, a

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former colleague of Mr Wright, and Mr George Russell Lee, a former MI5 assis-Sir Michael is considering tant director.



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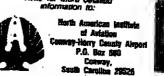
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Mr John Browne, MP, after his visit to Winchester Prison yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Wintonians wary of MP under fire

From Robin Young, Winchester

Yesterday Mr Browne pre-

sented a diligent face to his constituency. He put himself

on display at the annual

fatstock show, where he was

greeted as a familiar face by several farmers, exhibitors and butchers and also went to

To his face, Wintonians are

affable and pleasant, and Mr

Browne exuded confidence

among them. But a small, and

not necessarily representative,

straw poll among former

Conservative voters in the

constituency showed that a

quarter said they would not

vote for Mr Browne again.

Winchester is among the most

prosperons constituencies in

the country, yet its citizens have plenty of complaints.

They grumble, for example, about the Great Divide which,

they claim starves local in-

dustry of skilled labour be-

cause of high property prices.

Asbestos peril

in theatre

Blue asbestos has been found in the 130-year-old Wellington Pier theatre, Great

Yarmouth, Norfolk, which is

The council, which owns

the theatre, said yesterday it

would spend more than

£8,000 on covering the dan-

gerous asbestos, as part of a campaign to save the building.

Powerboat

death was

an accident

death was recorded yesterday on Mr William Taylor, one of Europe's leading powerboat racers, who died in a 120mph

Mr Taylor, aged 40, of

Priory Road, Keynsham, Bris-

tol, was thrown from his craft

during a Formula 2 grand prix

race at Holmc Pierrepont

national watersports centre

near Nottingham, an inquest

Mr Nigel Reed, of Stock-

wood, Bristol, said that engine

problems had emerged on a

she is in a difficult position as

crash last September.

was told.

practice run.

A verdict of accidental

facing demolition.

the local prison.

One does not need to spend long in the busy streets and narrow lanes of Winchester to realize that the area's local Conservative MP is in a surprising amount of trouble.
Mr John Browne, a para-

chuting former Guards officer, succeeded Rear-Admiral Morgan Giles in the blue chip safe Conservative sear in Hampshire in 1979, but saw his majority whittled by the Allielection.

Mr Browne is now principally in the news because of a bitter divorce settlement dispute with his former wife, who is threatened with imprisonment if she does not pay an outstanding £49,000 from an original £175,000

settlement agreed in 1984. Mr Browne last week announced his engagement to n New York divorcee and promptly had to deny rumours that it was his intention to drop his parliamentary career and emigrate to the United

Simultaneously, criticism reared its ugly head among senior former officers of his local Conservative association. Mr Simon Blunt, the

constituency chairman, has summoned a special meeting of the constituency executive next Tuesday to consider whether Mr Browne should be readopted as the constituency's candidate.

soldiers into the Irish Republic is being investigated by authorities on both sides of the border. Four soldiers were discov-

the men jailed for the Bir-mingham pub bombings had been threatened with guns and alsatian dogs, yesterday gave a voluntary statement to senior police officers. itor, Mr George Jonas, he gave while engaged on border duty in Co Londonderry but re-turned when a joint Gardai a 17-page witness statement to Mr Leslie Sharpe, deputy chief and Irish army patrol arrived on the scene and told them

crossing A third incursion by British

ered 75 yards into Co Donegal by people living near a border customs post at Kilica. They had crossed into the south

On December 1, Mr Clarke they were in the south. The incident was the third to occur since last Saturday Queens Road police station, leading to protests by Irish government ministers, sen-

evidence that the men had efforts to exploit the issue. eight years ago after 23 years In the most serious incident service when he was convicted a soldier was held for five

PC gives | Soldiers in 'jail attack' new Irish

sitive in the run-up to a general election, to opposition

of stealing £5 from a prisoner. hours at Dundalk police sta-He served two months in jail. tion in Co Louth. Airport warning on gift wrapping

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Gaily wrapped Christmas are being posted in all pas- the Government could senpresents could be torn open by senger terminals and will be ously affect time spent on security staff at Heathrow backed by public address Airport, passengers were warannouncements. Extra security staff are being ned yesterday. The British Airports Authority advised travellers using

lax the constant search.

Warning notices about hand

the large numbers of passengers coupled with the tight

baseage and wrapped parcels security measures required by

dismissed a quarter of its print thousands of members of

the airport not to wrap their expected to pass through the Security chiefs fear that airport.
Mr Michael King, Heath-row's chairman and managing terrorists or drug smugglers may try to use the Christmas director, said that time spent peak passenger times to slip drugs or weapons into or out on searches could delay flights

if warnings were ignored.

"If our warnings are ignored

workers with redundancy terms far inferior to those

being offered to the former employees of News Inter-national, publishers of *The*

Times and three other na-

Print workers are angry

over the decision by the TÜC

general council last month not

to act on the vote taken by the TUC congress in Brighton

tional newspapers.

searches and even delay some

We want travellers to have drafted in to help during the Christmas rush, when up to 100,000 passengers a day are a happy start to their Christmas holidays. They can make their journeys so much easier Candle-shaped light bulbs

found on sale in Stoke-on-Trent and Lichfield, Staffordshire, could kill, trading standards officers said yesterday. The 25-wart hulbs, pack-

aged in a red and blue box. have an inch-long live wire protruding from the base.

Print activists demand recall Sogat, the National Graphical Association, the National Union of Journalists and the Transport and General Work-ers' Union have worked to

> News International's publica-In contrast, only a "couple of hundred" EETPU members worked at the company's high technology plant at Wapping. The Sogat bardliners claim

which said the Electrical, Electronic. Telecommunication that by its action, the policymaking general council has snuhbed the TUC congress and Plumbing Union should be punished because of its which they say is the ultimate "parliament" of the trade association with the company. paign Group. Their strategy has been outlined in the communist Morning Star said the reality of the situation union movement. Its decisions should therefore be newspaper, which last week is that throughout the dispute, acted upon.

only the general council can order a special recall Sogal's national executive committee will consider the produce and distribute all request to press for a recall of congress at its next meeting in January although some ac-

> immediate decision. A recent meeting called by the London Communist Campaign Group called for a mass turn-out at Wapping tomorrow to demonstrate in support of the 5, 140 former employees who went on strike and were dismissed.

tivists are pressing for an

There have been regular demonstrations and marches and 24-hour picketing since Miss Dean acknowledges the dispute began last January

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£1.3 million to an undisclosed private huyer. The price was a record for any medieval object sold at public auction, Mr Richard

Camber, senior director of Sotheby's, said. The previous highest price was £1.2 million, paid in 1976 for an ename! medallion. Three treasure hunters found the locket in Middleham, North Yorkshire, near a castle which belonged to Richard ill. They will share the proceeds of the sale with the owner of the land and its

ienant farmer. Mr William Wiggans, aged 42, one of those who found the jewel with a metal detector last year, was at the sale and said: We always knew it was

Medieval gold locket sold for record £1.3m something special. I'm going for a holiday now and I could

think about a new house."

Sotheby's would not dis-close whether the jewel, described as one of the most important examples of medieval goldsmith's work surviv-

ing, would stay in Britain.
The fifteenth century jewel. just bigger than a matchbox, is engraved with a nativity scene on one side, and the trinity on the other, with a border of saints and a ring at the top for

Members of the Richard III Society, from Wensleydale, Yorkshire, which is dedicated to the memory of the mon-arch, were at the sale with more than a dozen Middle-

ham villagers. The society speculates that the jewel may have been given to Richard's illegitimate son Edward as a charm to ward off epilepsy.



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Brain defect

be used in

transplants'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

defects could be induced and transplanted at least as a

transplant operations to save pending other treatment or

is put forward in tomorrow's transplantation for children

rejected.

mothers.

brought up.

Wife had a fatal

dose of morphine

transplant operations, he sug-

may be greatly simplified".

The biggest potential

"We are identifying foetuses

advantage was that such or-

gans were less likely to be

so fatally damaged that survival outside the womh is

impossible. The ability to

transplant foetal organs may now give us the chance to recognize the contribution of

this doomed foetus to

mankind," Dr Harrison said.

anencephaly should be con-firmed by experts independent

of the transplant team, and the transplant surgeons should not be involved in the care or

possibility that something good might be salvaged from a

seemingly wasted pregnancy."

a passer-by found her.

November 1982.

Stockford said Dr Baksh wrote

Dr Baksh wrote that his first

month but recovered. When

they went to Spain in Decem-

Dr Baksh told Mr Stockford

that he found a note beside his

wife's body which declared: "

cannot take it any more. I am

afraid I have to go. This time I am making sure I will not

wake np."
The trial continues next

The diagnosis of

Dr Harrison, of the foetal

other dying children, accord-

issue of The Lancet by Dr Michael Harrison, of the University of California in

diseases die waiting for a transplant because there are

not enough donor organs, he said. The present system of

taking organs from "hrain

dead" accident victims could not meet the demand.

comes simpler and less costly

to procure and transplant.

these life-saving procedures

will have to be rationed," Dr

hopeless that they meet the requirements for abortion at

any stage of pregnancy "may be ideal donors", he said. Such

bahies would die naturally

One baby in every 1,000-

2,000 was born with anen-

cephaly, in which the brain is

missing. The condition is

easily detectable during preg-nancy and screening could lead to about 2,000 such cases

being identified in the United

States every year, Dr Harrison

Immature organs, including

A forensic scientist found a

fatal overdose of morphine in

the body of a doctor whose

husband, a general prac-

titioner, is accused of murder-

ing her, the Central Criminal

Dr John Taylor had been given part of the liver of Dr Ruby Baksh after her body

He also examined scrum

taken from Dr John Baksh's

second wife, Madhu, after he had allegedly tried to kill her.

morphine was in her body which could have been

Dr Baksh, aged 53, of Bickley Road, Bromley.

south-east London, denies murdering his first wife in

1983 and attempting to mur-

der his second wife in January this year. Mr Allan Green, for the

prosecution, has alleged that Dr Baksh injected Ruby with a

fatal dose of morphine while

on holiday in Spain and got an elderly Spanish doctor to cer-

The Middleham Jewel, a

gold locket dating from Rich-

ard lil's time, was sold at

Sothehy's yesterday for

Dr Taylor said it showed

Court was told yesterday.

was exhumed in Spain.

during or shortly after hirth.

But foetuses with defects so

Unless donor material be-

Most children with fatal

San Francisco.

Harrison said.

The controversial prospect,

ing to an American surgeon. gested.





Eric Sykes, the actor (left), with the insignia of the OBE yesterday which he received at an investiture held by the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Virginia Wade, the tennis player, was awarded the OBE insignia, and others honoured included Mr Wynford Vaughan-Thomas, the author and broadcaster, who was made CBE.

Rape case jury's vital questions

counselling of the expectant Prosecuting counsel in the "The diagnosis of foetal case of a doctor accused of anencephaly is always devastating. Once the family has worked through their grief and decided how the pregancy will be managed, the possibility of raping a girl aged eight, told the jury yesterday that they had two vital questions to consider. Was she sexually assaulted; and did the doctor organ donation may be

Mr John Mathew, QC, for the prosecution, was making "In my experience families are surprisingly positive about donation. They clutch at any his closing speech on the fourth day of the trial, in a private prosecution, brought by the girl's mother, at Chelmsford Crown Court.

The doctor, aged 50, an anaesthetist, from Essex, has denied raping the girl while she was staying with him. He has also denied indecent

assault.
Mr Mathew told the jury:
"There are really two questions for you to ask yourself tify she had died from a heart and then answer them...was that young girl sexually as-Mr Green has told the court saulted, raped or indecently that Dr Baksh wanted to be free to marry Madhu, but later, faced with heavy debts assaulted? Because if the answer to that is no, or that you he drugged her, slit her throat and dumped her in woods in are not sure, then that is the end of this matter and you will acquit and you needn't think Kent. Her life was saved when any further about the evid-

ence." Det Chief Supt Norman If they were sure, he said, they had to consider whether to him of "kissing and cud-dling sessions" be had with the defendant was responsible. Madhu in a hospital ward in There were three aspects to

this, based on the evidence. They were: the change in the girl's character immediately wife took an overdose that she returned from the doctor's house, the medical evidence; and the evidence relating to ber Dr Baksh claimed she staining of the nightdress she said she was wearing on the night she alleges she was committed suicide after she found out about his affair.

raped.
Mr Mathew suggested the evidence about dramatic changes in the girl's behaviour was "overwhelming". He also suggested there was "comp-

elling" medical evidence.

Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC, for the defence, said: "All of us in this courtroom have an abhorrence of sexual interference with young children. If it is proved that men or women are responsible for such sexual interference, then it is right

that they should be convicted. "On the other hand, there is perhaps nothing worse than the thought of someone being wrongly convicted."

He spoke about the diffi-culty of assessing the evidence of a young child, and de-scribed what had been a traumatic year" for the girl. Her parents split up; her home hurnt down; she moved house twice and changed schools twice; her brother was ill: her mother had to stay with him in hospital; she had to stay away from home, with the

doctor; and her mother was taking a new lover. He asked: "Would it be truly beyond the realms of thought that such a little girl would want to draw attention to herself? That such a little girl would want to hurt herself by banging her head, or in some other way?"

The case continues today.

Dog savages baby

Coroner absolves family

their daughter, aged five days.
The dog, Dotty, was put
down after killing Amy Victoria Bourne, of Wanlip Road, Plaistow, east London, on

Tuesday.

At the inquest into the child's death, Dr Harold Price, the London eastern district coroner, described the death as "tragic, sudden and un-expected".

As the child's father, Mr ed it the baby was in a carrycot Daniel Bourne, a hus driver, listened, Dr Price said: "There is no way in my view this absolutely loving little family could have anticipated this tragic event".

He recorded a verdict of accidental death. Mr Bourne told the Walthamstow inquest that his daughter was born on Thursday of last week at Newham hospital, east London, weighing 61h 60z.

He said the Jack Russell had been with the family for two-and-a-half years and that his skull perforation and fracture.

Children gain from

rhymes Parents who want their children to do well at school were yesterday urged to switch off the television and teach them nursery rhymes.

Psychologists from Oxford University claim that youngsters taught rhymes have a

head start over classmates. The team started a study in the 1970s and recent tests of the 400 children, now aged 13, showed that those who had never learnt nursery rhymes were still lagging years behind with reading and spelling.

Dr Lynette Bradley, of the university's experimental psychology department, said: The ones who couldn't rhyme to start with and who weren't trained were two years behind by the time they were

eight or nine. "I have just checked again and the same big difference is still there. They haven't

caught up at all. "We need to turn off the television and go back to reciting nursery rhymes. It is a pleasant way for children to learn about sounds."

Ice Age find

The skull of a bison which roamed Britain during the Ice Age 100,000 years ago has been unearthed during excavations in a gravel pit at Maxey, near Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. The bone are being coated with a special plastic to prevent crumbling and go on display in the city musuem next year.

A coroner yesterday absolved a family of all blame aged 13, and Lyndsey, aged for the attack by their Jack Russell terrier which killed with their other dog, a crosswith their other dog, a cross-

breed Labrador. They used to dress the Jack Russell up and push her around in a pram. The dog

had never done anything to anybody," Mr Bourne said. Mr Bourne said he and his wife had been trying for a third child for several years. On Tuesday, they had in-tended to take Amy out in the perambulator. While he fetch-

on two chairs up against the wall in the kitchen. Mr Bourne said: "I noticed that the little dog had gone. I saw she was in the carrycot. I rushed over there and at first I thought she was just being nosy. Then I picked up the baby and called out for my mother to get an ambulance."
Staff at Newham General

Hospital later certified the baby dead. Dr Alan Grant, a pathologist, said death was due to

He said that part of the baby's brain had been de-stroyed. There were cuts to the head and widespread bruising to the skull.

Some cuts were caused by the small teeth of the dog. PC Colin Manning, a dog handler from East Ham police station, said the dog, which had blood around its muzzle. showed aggression towards

him. Later, at the hospital, Mr Bourne told him he wanted the dog destroyed. This was done hy a veterinary surgeon. PC David Linale, stationed

at East Ham, said he saw blood stains outside the house when he went there. Dr Price said: "We all of us feel the greatest sympathy towards this young family with regard to this tragic,

sudden and unexpected death of a very valuable little girl whom the parents have been trying to have for 10 years. "Perhaps the dog may have been jealous, I don't know. Perhaps it jumped in response

Non-white population shown in survey

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

One fifth of the population of inner London is non-white, according to a government report yesterday. The non-whites accounted for 9 per cent of the people in metropolitan counties and 4.4 per cent of the total population of Britain.

The Labour Force Survey 1985 shows that the proportion of persons aged under 30 in the non-white population was 62 per cent compared with only 42 per cent of whites.

Some 60 per cent of the West Indian or Guyanese and Indian populations were aged under 30 compared with around 70 per cent of Paki-stanis and Bangladeshis.

However, the population of mixed ethnic origin had the youngest age structure of all. More than half were aged under 16. The report, prepared by the Office of Population Censuses

and Surveys, shows how Britain turned into a multiracial country.
Only 10 per cent, most of whom were white people horn in the Mediterranean Commonwealth or India, entered the United Kingdom before 1955. Most of the people born in the Caribbean Commonwealth came between the mid

1950s and the mid 1960s and the corresponding peak for people born in India came in the late 1960s and early 1970s. People born in Bangladesh were more recent arrivals and more than one third first entered the UK during the

The total non-white population in 1985 is put at 2,376,000. The total comprises 547,000 people of West Indian or Guyanese ethnic origin, 689,000 of Indian, 406,000 of Pakistani, 99,000 of Bangladeshi, 122,000 of Chinese, 102,000 of African, 61,000 of Arab, 232,000 of mixed" and 117,000 "other". "Not stated" were 637,000.

The survey is of private households. The results are based on interviews in the spring quarter of 1985. The total coverage of the survey was about 59,000 households in Britain, containing about 160,000 people. The results have been uprated from the sample to give estimates applying to the population of Britain as a whole.

Portfolio —Gold— **Breakfast** surprises for two

Yesterday's winners of the Portfolio Gold prize, sharing £4,000, have both been taking part in the game since it started and both discovered their good fortune during their routine breakfast-time check

on the numbers.

Mrs Jalia Bishop, of Long
Benaington, Lincolushire,
checked with her husband, a company director, and said she would probably invest the money on behalf of their son,

Andrew, aged three.
The other winner, Mrs Anne Edgerley, aged 75, of Kelsale, Saxmundham, Suf-folk, who is married with a family and "a lot of grand-children", said: "I have happy dreams of possibly replacing my car and other things that are fast wearing out, like the washing machine. You need a car living in the country as we

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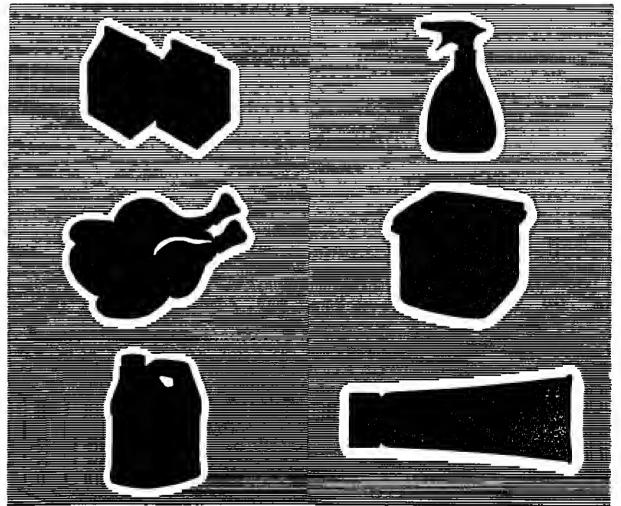
Mrs Julia Bishop, who plans to invest her win

Fireproof lab gutted in blaze A fire at the Monks Wood

A fire at the Moints wood experimental station at Ab-bots Ripton, Cambridgeshire, caused damage estimated at £250,000 yesterday.

The fire, in a laboratory described as fireproof, started in the early hours and was extinguished by staff. The station carries out animal and mineral research for the Government

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Couple 'shunned after false arrest'

Court in London how her the crime. South Wales pit village turned against her.

Mrs Sarah Holtham, aged Justice Pain: "I knew I hadn't 45, of Upper Francis Street, done anything wrong. The Abertridur, Mid Glamorgan, and her husband, William, "What we went through in

roft. family. We lost quite a lot of Their son, Gareth, was a friends and we were being kept suspect in the murder of Mr awake until four, five or six in Anthony Bird, a homosexual, in London in June 1980, and they were arrested at their home in November 1980. They were questioned in London for four days, but and acted lawfully. were not charged.

A woman who is suing the had knowledge of stolen stereo police for false arrest during a equipment — a vital clue murder inquiry wept yes—which is still missing. Their terday as she told the High son has not been charged with Mrs Holtham, a factory worker, wept as she told Mr

aged 49, are claiming damages Abertridur for a long time against the Metropolitan Police and Det Chief Insp Derek "It was terrible for us as a

phone calls. The police claim they had reasonable grounds for taking the Holthams into custody

the morning with terrible

The hearing was adjourned Police believed the couple until today.

PARLIAMENT

Teachers' pay Bill approved after all-night debate

ditions Bill received its third Scretary of State the power to reading in the Commons at ballot teachers. Mrs Rumbold reading in the Commons at 3.24pm, after 23 hours of debate interrupted only by divisions. The sitting lasted from 2.30pm on Wednesday until 4.38pm today and, as a result, today's scheduled business was lost.

MPs should have debated a Northern Ireland Bill on security in the province, which instead will be considered pext

The teachers' Bill started on Wednesday with a spate of points of order from Labour it through and they followed that with lengthy speeches, including one of nearly two hours. The debate proceeded as

tollows:
4.18pm, Wednesday: Committee stage of the Bill began.
Longest speech on the first group of amendments by Dr. John Marek (Wrexham, Lab) from 7.27pm to 8.53pm (1 bour 26 min).

10pm: Division on first group of 10.30pm: Committee stage re-sumed after procedural motions were dealt with, including a division on the 10 o'clock

business motion allowing the House to continue sitting. Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab) asked on a point of order if a story that he had seen on the news agency tapes, saying that consideration of the Bill was now going to be suspended, was true. Mr Kenneth Baker replied, with some relish, that he had no intention of suspending consideration of the Bill. "We have just started and I feel the debate

is just beginning. We are just warming up." 10.37pm: Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman, moved the first of the second group of amendments saying that the Remuneration of Teachers Act should be replaced by negotiat-ing machinery as set out in the Acas document agreed between the local authority employers and unions representing the majority of teachers.

By 12.45am, Thursday, Mr Robert Clay (Sunderland North, Lab) was accusing the Govern-ment of Stalinism and attendance to the public gallery was

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab) intervened to report that he had just returned from News International dispute, he said, was an example of an oppressive Government which paid thousands of police officers to keep 5,000 people out of

Because of inadequate industrial relations legislation, a private employer had been allo to dismiss people at will and the Government supported him. In the teachers' dispute, the Government was in favour of 4.53am: Division on second the law of the jungle in the public sector, just as it applauded the law of the jungle in

the private sector. Replying at 12.54am, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education and Science, pointed out that two of the six teachers' unions had not signed the Acas deal and two of those that had signed had changed their minds. The proposals were unacceptable.

Mr Mark Fisher, for the Opposition, asked why the Secretary of State did not hold a ballot of all teachers to see whether they preferred his deal or the Acas one.

Mrs Rumbold said she was sure Mr Baker would be willing to hold such a ballot if be had the power to do so. Mr Tony aks (Newham North West, Lab) suggested, from a sedentary position, putting an advertisement in The Guardian. Mr Fisher challenged the did not respond to the challenge. She said the "wonderland of unrealistic negotiations" could not go on. The amendment was a recipe for further chaos.
2.01am: The Prime Minister appeared in the chamber and sat

front bench.
2.18am: Mr Clement Freud
(North East Cambridgeshire, L) successfully attempted to move a closure motion.

for a while on the Government

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) complained, on a point of order, that Mr Freud's only contributions had been attempts to curtail the debate and he was now reading a newspaper article about smok-Paul Dean, said that unies Mr Freud was preparing himself for the debate he should desist.

He did.

The longest speech in this section, and the most entertaining, was made by Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) who spoke from 2.32am to 4.19am (1

hour 47 min).

He devoted the first part of his speech to an attack on the Alliance and Mr Freud came in for particular criticism. Re-sponding, Mr Freud said that he was waiting for the Alliance amendments to be reached.

Mr Skinner drew the biggest laughs of the night. He first pointed out that if Mr Freud was appearing on Just A Minute be would be pulled up for repetition because he had made that neith these times. that point three times.

He then expounded his theory that the reason why an extra microphone had been placed on installation of an extra one on the Opposition side for the benefit of the Liberals, was in readiness for the Leader of the SDP (Or Owen) crossing the floor of the chamber.

Responding to Mr Freud's argument that the committee had only reached line five of the Bill after more than nine hours of debate, Mr Skinner pointed out that the only way the Opposition could attempt to frustrate obnoxious Bills such as this was by occupying time.
At 3.20am Mr Skinner asked.

if it was in order for Mrs. Rumbold's parliamentary private secretary, Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C), to be fast asleep. The volume of the resulting laughter woke Mr

Mr Mark Fisher, winding up, pledged Labour to repeal the legislation and replace it with properly democratic collective ing machinery, and said that if the Government would dare to ballot the teachers he would be surprised if even 15-per cent supported Mr

group of amendments after 6 hours 16 min of debate. Amendment rejected by 131 votes to 31

- Government majority, 100. 5.04am: The first of a group of amendments dealing with the anomalous position of teachers in further education, who are not affected by the Bill, was moved by Mr Andrew Bennett,

5.30am: In a division, the amendment was rejected by 124 votes to 27 — Government majority, 97.

5.41am: Mr Fisher moved the first of the next group of amendments, the purpose of which was to set up a national joint council to negotiate teachers' pay and conditions. He said that this proposal was based on the Acas agreement reached io Nottingham and would ensure that direct collective bargaining took place between advertisement in The Guardian.

Mr Fisher challenged the Mr Kenneth Baker said that Government to insert a new the teaching profession was and within themselves, and the

employers were divided.

Something very close to the proposed joint council had already been operating for some time and a solution to the dispute had not been found. Therefore he did not think it was sensible for the Government to accept the amendment because such a council would not work at this stage.

Mr Martin Flannery (Shef field, Hillsborough, Lab) said that the most the advisory committee would be able to do was to glean ideas from people it had talked to among elected groupings. They would have little or no impact on the

outcome.
"Most people on the Tory
side have been to public schools
and do not understand the state

He combined criticism of the minister's political attitude with that of his physical attitude, alleging somnolence among the few Conservative MPs present in the chamber at that moment.
"He lies there with his sleeping saying to us: 'I am not interest

in what you are saying."

[Mr Baker, Secretary of State, was using his front-beach privilege of relaxing with feet up on the table, but his two supporters on the back benches were sitting with their heads to the microphones in the seats behind them, eyes closed in concen-

Mr Flannery predicted diffi-Mr Flannery predicted con-culties for Mr Baker so great as make what had happened to M Chirac (the French Prime Min-ister) look like a tea party. Mr Allen McKay (Barnsley West and Penistone, Lab). a

former National Coal Board industrial relations officer, said that only three Conservatives were left after the long and laborious night. 7.20am: [The public had also found it laborious; only one person was present in the public sallers!]

gallery.]

The Secretary of State was to be judge and jury, paying and appointing the members of the advisory committee and guiding

In his years as an industria relations officer he had found that imposition of settlements on a body of people did not work. The issue very soon raised its head again. Mr Corbyn said that no one would have respect for a body appointed by the Secretary of

"We shall be set back into another teachers' dispute, another problem in the schools, because Mr Baker will not face up to the real reason for the dispute, that teachers have been cut the money for educational



Mrs Angela Rumbold: An interest in ballots. Mr Derek Fatchett: A promise to repeal.



The committee would com-prise aspirant Tory MPs or former Tory MPs, or people from public schools who would worsen conditions to the state

Where are those creeps to come from? Are there enough creeps for the minister to fill his advisory body or will it be the ultimate trip-up for Mr Baker. Will he finally trip over his own

Brylcreem?"
The amendment was rejected by 137 votes to 26 - Govern-ment majority, 111. The first clause of the Bill was carried by 144 votes to 33 - Government

majority, II L. 7.44am: Mr Derek Fatchett, an Opposition spokesman on education, then moved the first of a group of amendments to provide that appointments by the Secretary of State to the advisory committee should follow consultation with teachers' unducation authorities and that the advisory committee should

While we seek to amend and improve the advisory commit-tee, it would not be the intention consistently underpaid and his of a forthcoming Labour Government has consistently government to have any truckwith this committee. When we come to repeal this legislation.



Mr Dennis Skinner who had a few cheering words for Mr Clement Frend.

the advisory committee will go Appointments to it would be at the dictate of the Secretary of State who took to himself, also, the power to dismiss those who were unable or unfit, in his opinion, to perform their duties. Mr Baker would appoint, as this Government had always done, only those prepared to go along with the Government.

Mr Frank Cook (Stockton

North, Lah): Noddies Mr Fatchett: That is right. We are trying to bring in an element of indirect democracy. We are trying to find common ground with the Government. 8.22em: Mr Robert Dunn,

Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that the difficulty with the amendments was that they were mischievnos and perverse in seeking to create what the Government was trying to dis-pose of a second round of Burnham committees

The members of the committee under Labour proposals would have to go back to their masters to decide their policy, so the independence of the committee would not exist from its beginning.
The committee must be com-

posed of people who were of standing and integrity and in-dependence of mind, who could exercise independent judgement, conduct independent analysis and arrive at indepen-He gave an unqualified assur-

made public without undue delay. 9.30as: Mr John Evans (St Helens North, Lab) said that the Government was removing from teachers their union. The

ance that its reports would be

Bill was aimed at smashing the National Union of Teachers and Mr Fatchett said that the Bill would bring the teachers' unions much closer to raw politics.

The amendment was rejected by 216 votes to 93 - Govern-

9.37am: Mr Freud moved the first of series of amendments to give the Secretary of State power He said that it was very good to have a morning audience which had been significantly missing during the night (pro-

tests and laughter).
"It would be fair to tell those MPs who rise now that they have missed some virtuoso Mrs Elaine Kellett-Bowman Lancaster, C): So did you.

Mr Freud: I have been here. Above all was the virtuoso performance by Mr Skinner, a graduate of the Quasimodo school of deportment, who kept the House up for some two

The relationship between the Secretary of State and the committee is like that between Idi Amin and his army. The Secretary of State may say what he will and the advisory committee will do what it is told

"The Bill allows the Secretary of State to give directives to the committee. Our amendment maintains the link between the committee.

Government would have no interest, or only a passing interest, in what the committee might say or do. The Conservarives' only interest was in the reachers and employers.

remit not to take account of the financial position of local authorities. The committee authorities would need to operate within a realistic framework of what

determining matters on which the committee should advise, and the terms under which it

their pay in the medium term.

The amendment was rejected by 224 votes to 137 - Government majority, 87. The second clause of the Bill was then carried without further debate by 229 votes to 145 - Government majority, 84. 10.48am: Mr Bennett moved an

Opposition amendment that the pay differentials between teachers in different areas should not be extended. He said that the Opposition would be alarmed if the process of differentials were

Mrs Rumbold said that it was an admirable point to refer to the advisory committee because recruitment problems changed from one part of the country to

another. The Opposition amendment was rejected by 220 votes to 139 — Government majority, 81.

2.29pm Mr Farchett moved 3 new clause enabling the Secretary of State to empower local education authorities to negotiate an agreement on pay ano conditions for all those involved in the supervision of school

2.30pm: Mr Fatchett was still speaking when Opposition MPs began cheering and Mr Ernest Armstrong, the deputy chair-man, called for order.

Mr Cecil Franks (Barrow and Furness, C) said that as today's business had been wiped out.

Prime Minister's question time

would not take place (Opposi-tion cheers and cries of "Where is she?")
Mr Franks commented: There Mr Franks commented: I nere are MPs on all sides who have an interest in the Prime Minister's question time and it is disgraceful that the Labour Party should . . "[The rest of his remarks could not be heard because of noise in the chamber].

Mr Armstrong said that it was

Mr Armstrong said that it was not for him to give procedural decisions and that the committee stage must continue.

After further interruptions. Mr Fatchett resumed his speech

on the new clause. Those involved in education had heard the Government's reaction to democratic rights it was not interested in these issues. The new clause was important to the children.

The new clause was rejected by 211 votes to 138 - Government majority, 73.
Mr Clement Freud, moving

one of a group of amendments. said amid some laughter. "This is a unique opportunity to win a vote. We have come second 15 times and it is fair now to expect

Mr Dunn said that the Opposition had tried to make something of the provision allowing the Secretary of State to remove a member from office. They had claimed there was something sinister in that. But it was entirely common form.

have to have evidence on which he could properly base his opinion. If he made an un-reasonable decision, it could be challenged by way of judicial

The amendment was rejected by 222 votes to 142 - Government majority, 80.
3.09pm: Mr Kenaeth Baker, moving the third reading, said that the debate had been long. thorough and exhaustive but not exhausting for him, his Minister of State or his Parliamentary Secretary. They were ready for many more hours of

debate. He would like to thank them for all the help they had given him during the course of the

On some votes only 26 or 27 Opposition MPs had managed to stay up but the Conservatives had overwhelmed Labour by

"I would like to thank all my friends for sharing my deter-mination to see this Bill on to

the statute book."

Mr Giles Radice, thanked the staff and officers of the House who, despite the haste with which the Bill had been railroaded through the Commons usual efficient service.

The Secretary of State had failed to shake Labour's view that the Bill rode roughshad over International Labour Organization conventions as well as the European social contract. 3.24pm: The Bill was read the third time by 235 votes to 152 — Government majority, 83.

Tucano tor RAF in the spring

Delivery of the first Tucano trainer aircraft from Shorts to the RAF will be made next spring, Mr Archibald Hamilton, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said in a written Commons reply. The date represents a few months' slippage in the orginal date.

> **Parliament** next week

of Commons next week will be: Monday: Debate on private member's motion on manage-ment and operation of the security services. Motion for the Christmas adjournment. Con-solidated Fund Bill. all stages. Tuesday: Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, second reading. Motion on supplementary benefit regulations relating to mortgage interest. Wednesday: Debate on the Wednesday: Debate on the Chancellor's autumn statement. Thursday: Motions on supplementary and social security benefit orders and regulations. Friday: Christmas adjournment

The main business in the House of Lords will be: Monday: Debate on the Peacock report on the financing of the

Tuesday: Fire Safety and Safety at Places of Sport Bill, second

tability of the security services and on the situation in Cyprus. Licensing (Restaurant Meals)

COMMENTARY

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Geoffrey Smith

When a party is saddled with an unpopular policy it can do one of three things. It can change the policy: it can play it down, in the hape that other issnes will dominate the election campaign; or it can try to

convert the country. Until this week it had seemed that Mr Kinnock was concentrating all his efforts on the unlikely goal of converting the British people to the virtues of Labour's defence

One of the most remarkable features of British politics this year has been the way in which he seemed deliberately to have been drawing attention to the very policy which is his great-est electoral liability, without any apparent readiness to modify it.

But with the publication on Wednesday of the party's new defence statement. Modern Britain in a Modern World, toe ground has begun to shift. There is a difference between throwing out all American nuclear bases from this comtry as soon as possible after a Labour government took office, and promising to do so only after "complex and thorough discussion" with our allies.

Party's chances not improved

This changes the reasonable expectation of what a Labour overnment would do. I am not so sare, however, that it will improve the party's chances of

vinning office. Whatever subtle distinctions may be drawn between consultation and negotiation, which Mr Kinnock is evidently still not prepared to contem plate, Labour ministers would find themselves caught up in lengthy and possibly acrimonions discussions with their

Being committed to Nato as strongly and wholeheartedly as this statement emphasizes. how could they break off these conversations to act on their own without agreement? But what chance could there be of securing agreement from other allied governments on the ejection of American nuclear

bases from this country? So the prospect would be of a prolonged process of hag-gling that would create a great deaf of uncertainty, but would probably not lead in the end to the removal of the bases unless the Americans themselves became fed up with such tire-

some partners.

Britain would give up its own nuclear weapons, but the pressure of other spending programmes would make it unlikely that much if any of the money saved would be devoted to strengthening the conventional forces.

This whole process would be bad for the alliance, but not so disastrous as simply telling the United States to take its nuclear weapons back bome.

Will the new version of Labour defence policy, however, be more reassuring to the electorate than the old one? The merit of the change is that it now looks less likely that a Labour government would carry out the party's commit-ment on American nuclear bases in this country.

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But that is hardly a reassurance that can be shouted aloud by Labour politicians. "Don't worry, we don't mean what we say" is not exactly the most inspiring slogan for an election

In any case, there can be no certainty that a Labour government would not be asked by its own left wing to be more precipitate than it would wish. The next Par-liamentary Labour Party will contain a higher proportion of

How hard they pressed a Labour administration on de-

Left's reaction may be critical

fence might well depend apon how successful it was in other fields. Ministers who seemed to be stambling from one crisis to the next might find it more difficult to resist.

In the meantime, the reaction of the Labour left to this new twist in party policy may be critical. Labour suffered in the 1983 election not only from the unpopularity of its defence commitments, but also from the divisions in the party.

This time the right wing has suffered in apparently silent hopelessness. The left has been jubilant because Mr Kinnock has shared its convictions and seen no need up to now to temper them. Now that the process of fudging has begun, will the party's uneasy truce on defence come to an

Channel Tunnel Bill

'Coast mud dump planned'

The meeting point of the ing how lightly they had cavated mud in France's fa-Channel tunnel will be seven escaped. kilometres nearer France than England, with two thirds of all the excavated mud being dumped in "a huge excres-

an MP said yesterday. Mr Nick Rayasford, who supported his claim with French newspaper cuttings, mathematics and rhetoric, accused the Government of "selland natural heritage in the interests of a foreign country and a shaky commercial ven-ture which it would do any-

" on England's coastline,

thing to support. Shakespeare Cliff, an Environmentally Sensitive Area which forms part of Dover's white cliffs, was being "offered ap as a sacrificial dumping ground in the interests of the French and Eurotannel", he said. The French were rubbing their hands in glee and think-

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Raynsford, Labour MP for Fulham, who was speaking during the committee stage of the Channel Tunnel Bill, based his assertion on a report in a French newspaper, La Voix du Nord, which quotes a French Eurotimael director as saying that only three million cubic metres of spoil will be dumped in France compared with five million in Britain.

Anticipating the Government's argument that there will be nine kilometres of landbased tunnel at the English end compared with 3.7 kilometres in France, Mr Raynsford said that if the midchannel meeting point was really mid-channel, British responsibility would be for 27.25 kilometres or 55 per cent of the tunnel.

that the meeting point was to be seven kilometres nearer

Joining the fray, Mr Jonathan Aitken, Tory MP for Thanet South, accessed Mr David Mitchell, the transport minister who claimed last week that the meeting point would be only nearer" France, of "a touch of Armstrongitis - being econo

mical with the truth". Mr Mitchell intervened to insist that the meeting point would be a maximum of two kilometres nearer France and accused Mr Raynsford of building a great edifice on the basis of a report in a French

newspaper". Mr Raynsford bad anticipated that accusation too. He flourished a document produced by Eurotennel in France which cited identical figures for the division of spoil.

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Five Labour MPs boycott UDM vote

By Our Political Reporter

Five Labour MPs led by Mr "the shadow of the president Stanley Orme, the party's energy spokesman, refused yesterday to have anything to do with a Commons committee vote on whether the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers should be repre-

sented on coal industry pension boards. In doing so they provoked a tirade of abuse from their Conservative and Alliance opponents, who accused them "running scared" of Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, and of betraying loyal UDM supporters of

Labour. Labour has been put on the spot by a government Coal Bill which will give the UDM the right to representation on coal industry pension boards and charitable trusts, thereby offering it a new degree of recognition and challenging the NUM's insistence that it should be the industry's only

the Nottinghamshire coal-The crucial clause came up in the Bill's committee stage yesterday and the five Labour members refused to take any part in the debate or to vote,

recognized union. a way which we have not seen Labour's dilemna is exacerin post-war years." That bated by the fact that its "vendetta" was still soing on and Labour was "running refusal to recognize the UDM could seriously affect its fortunes in up to six key seats in

despite being challenged to do so by their opponents. -Mr David Hunt, the minister for coal, claimed that of the NUM" had thrown a

"shroud of silence" over the five Labour MPs, not one of whom had made any attempt to discuss the clause. The majority of people in this committee will find it surprising that some UDM members are still loyal to the Labour Party. These people have been vilified in the most

now come for a parting of the He challenged the Labour MPs to "bave the guts and courage to distance yourselves from the stance of the president of the NUM".

disgraceful fashion in this

House and I feel the time has

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, the SDP energy spokesman, spoke of the "evil background" which led to the UDMs formation. "There was a viciousness and nastiness and unpleasantness which stalked this land in

scared". he said. Labour had voted against the Bill on its second reading in the Commons, but on grounds other than the UDM's right to representation on pension boards. The sole dissenter was Mr Don Concannon, Labour MP for the Nottinghamshire coalfield constituency of Mansfield, who supported it.

Syringes would cost £8m

The annual cost of prescribing disposable syringes and needles to all diabetic patients would be between £8 million and £10 million, in addition to the £1.2 million the Government already spent each year in prescribing reusable syringes, Lady Trampington, Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said during question time in the House of

In reply to the Earl of Kinnoell (C), who asked what progress was being made to-wards allowing doctors to prescribe disposable plastic sy ringes, particularly to those with diabetic conditions, she said the position under review.

Lord Winstanley (L) asked if she would bear in mind the plight of parents with children suffering from diabetes who had enough of a burden without having to sterilize syringes. If disposable syringes could not be prescribed for all diabetic patients, could not children at least recieve

who could, if they decided it was clinically desirable, prescribe disposable syringes. Lord Ennals (Lab) said he was disappointed that the Government response had not been more encouraging. It would be a worthwhile expense and a wonderful Christmas present for

most children with this con-

all diabetic sufferers, Lady Trampington said that she would make sure her ministerial colleagues were aware of the strength of feeling on the

Secretary of State and the It seemed to them that the

10.14am: Mrs Rumbold said that the power of the Secretary of State to give directions should be of great benefit to the committee in its interim life. It would be stupid for its

local authorities could afford. The purpose of the amendmems was to weaken the Scoretary of State's control in

should operate. The Government proposals would give teachers stability and certain knowledge that there would be an effective

Lords. The main business in the House

Lady Trumpington said that

dition were under consultants

Bill, second reading.

Thursday: Debate on disposing of waste at sea. Local Government Act 1986 (Amendment)

Bill, second reading.

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Catalogue of accidents

Sellafield plant report demands safety audit on hazards in store

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

British Nuclear Fuels has approach in respect to B205 been sold to improve the management and operation procedures of its nuclear fuel reprocessing plant at Sel-lafield, in Cumbria.

A report published yes-terday called for a safety audit by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate.

It has an analysis of in-cidents of leaks and contamination since 1979. The report says more than 90 per cent of the radioactive waste produced by civil power generation over 30 years is on the site at Sellafield, much of it in liquid form.

So long as waste remains in liquid form and therefore dispersable, it presents a hazard to those who work there, and potentially to the public or the environment.

The report says a significant difficulty in the management of the site is the lack of national agreement on the means of the disposal in the long term of much of the highly active waste.

But the investigation focuses on the central reprocess-ing plant called B205. It is said, for practical purposes, to be irreplaceable and must continue to operate for some

Most of the incidents have occurred in B205 and its allied

The spent fuel from power stations which arrives at the site for reprocessing is of the type used in the 11 Magnox power stations of the Central Electricity Generating Board and the South of Scotland Electricity Board.

The report says even if the Magnox nuclear power stations were closed tomorrow the spent fuel currently held at the power stations or in store at Sellafield would require about ten years for its reprocessing at the present

But the plant for reprocess-ing Magnox fuel is between 20 and 30 years old.

The report says the recent priorities of the company on introducing new plant has reduced the attention paid to the levels of capital renewal, management and skilled labour in the potentially hazard-ous older parts of the plant. British Nuclear Fuels is

both for maintenance and planned investment, without considering the longh term.

new plant and regularly up-

date safety assessments for

scribed as fundamental to

proper safety management. It

plant operating rules, mainte-

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plants audited at Sellafield

were newer than B205, and in

general were in a more salisfactory condition, though

the need for better working instructiona held good for those as well.

Deficiencies were detected

some limited circum-

The inspectors were not

satisfied, for instance, about the practice of transfers be-

tween shifts and between

departments.
The report said Sellafield had

been going through a period of huge and beneficial invest-

ment, much of which was complete, and standards were

improving. Salety Audit of BNFL Sellafield

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that could lead to hazards and,

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The report said many of the

was the source from which

The safety case was de-

existing plants.

That was said to be most apparent in the control room which had been successively adapted so as not to present a clear picture of the state of the plant to its operators.

In other respects the conditions at the B205 plant were said to have been subordinated to the requirements of production in an unsatisfactory manner.

The consequence of the shortcomings was that both management and workers had difficulty in dealing with an accumulation of minor prob-lems without the ability to deal with longer term ob-

The report added that with one or two exceptions, the thoroughgoing and positive dedication to every aspect that is characteristic of the best parts of the chemical industry had yet to be achieved.

While site management was conscious of the difficulties and the need for care, it did not appear to be in complete

The effectiveness of safety advisory committees on the site was also criticized.

Despite recommendations to the company by the Health and Safety Executive in 1981 the report said, the correct balance was yet to be achieved between the authoritative advisory role of the safety committees and the essential responsibility of line management for the safety of the

management tended to react than to lead and to shelter behind committee opinions and execution of paper procedures rather than take clear management de-cisions on real problems.

Examination of the working of a system called clearance certificates for work in the plant disclosed an excessive use of the system, clogging operations.

There remained a shortage of clear and detailed instruction how the work itself was to

The site licence required the

criticized for a short-term production of safety cases for Outdated equipment and secrecy blamed

The report on Sellafield was last night welcomed by Mr Bill Maxwell, secretary of the joint stewards committee, which represents more than 7,000 workers at the plant.

The report held no sur-prises, Mr Maxwell said. It merely pinpointed the problems which both the workers and the management were aware of and were dealing

Outdated equipment at the plant still existed only because of unwillingness by successive Labour and Conservative governments to pour millions of pounds into the provision of new equipment.

To update the plant, Mr Maxwell said, would cost several millions of pounds, but that was only peanuts to a company which was making high profits.

Of the five incidents at the plant this year the Health and Safety Executive said only one was potentially serious.

Mr Maxwell spoke of

workers' reassurance that warning systems installed some years previously had proved capable of meeting the

emergency.

Because of undue secrecy the public have been bom-barded hy wild and hysterical claims made hy opponents of nuclear energy," Mr Maxwell

"What they must realize is that as someone who has worked at the plant for 31 years and who cares deeply about his wife, children and grandchildren, there is no way that I or fellow workers would not be shonting from the rooftops if something was seriously wrong."

Mr Maxwell said that since the mid-1970s union officials had been pressing for a reduc-tion in the radioactive exposure deemed safe be reduced from five rems to 0.5 rems as advised by the International Medical Council.

That safety limit had now been reached. Liquid discharge had also dropped by 300 per cent since 1975. "We are not satisfied yet because we realize we have to be whiter than white but that dream is fast becoming realization."

Mr Bill Minto, chairman of the Sellafield Local Liaison Committee, an environmental watchdog group set up to monitor the nuclear plant, said a special meeting would be called to discuss the Health and Safety Executive findings in either late January or early February.

"The report cor great surprise. Work has already started to put right those things highlighted in this in-vestigation, in particular the Magnox plant which they widely say is 20 or 30 years out

"The experts have told u that if money is spent now on modern equipment then the plant have a safe and useful life for the next decade. Mr Minto was pleased that

report's criticisms and taken steps to implement its recom-He issued a warning, how ever, that his committee would

be keeping a watch on the implementation of the recommendations that more staff he taken on and better training be

70 have harmful meningitis strain

Initial results from a huge meningitis screening exercise in Gloucestershire show that 70 people are carrying the new strain of the brain disease which has killed three children in the area (Jill Sherman writes).

Last month researchers set up an amhitious programme to swab throats and carry out blood tests on the 6,400 people in Stonehouse, Stroud, where the rate of meningitis is now 14 times the national

Results from the swabbing show that 700 people carried a variety of meningilis strains but only 70 carried the B15

registrar in community medicine for Gloucester Health Authority said yesterday that the overall number of carriers - 11 per cent of the population - matched national figures and were quite normal. It did not mean these people would go on to develop the disease.

"Many people carry the disease without contracting it or passing it on and they may only carry it for a few days, weeks or months," Dr Smart

He could not say whether the extent of B15 strain was normal as no national studies had been done on this strain.



Mr John Ollett, aged 26, a former pit worker, of Thornley, Co Durham, restoring banners carried by branches of the National Union of Mineworkers since the nineteenth century and traditionally of silk, depicting anything from political leaders to religious scenes.

Help line for child abuse victims in appeal for funds

By Angelia Johnson

Miss Esther Rantzen, the harrowing tales they have told levision personality, apme in my head." television personality, appealed vesterday for more money to keep Childline, a free national telephone service for children in danger, open to receive up to 500 calls a day.

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The charity has been inindated with telephone calls from abused children, aged from six, and has estimated that it will cost £1.9 million a year to run the service. At present it has enough money to last until February.

Miss Rantzen, chairman of Childline, which was launched last October, said in London yesterday: "These children have never spoken to anyone of their agony before. We must keep these lines open."

She said that the largest ategory of calls handled by trained counsellors was from children who had been sexually abused, an estimated 1,336. A further 637 said they had suffered physical olence, 211 complained being bullied and 596 parental problems.

After three evenings and an afternoon spent manning one of 10 telephone lines at the charity's headquarters in Queen Victoria Street, central ondon, Miss Rantzen said: These children let you into their hearts, I am now walking around, as we all are, with the

One boy rang from a tele-phone in a local shop late at night because he was frightened to go home after being threatened with a knife by his drunken father. Eventually he was persuaded to allow a local doctor to become involved.

A girl telephoned because she was worried that the next day she was to become forcibly involved in pornographic photography. She talked about the abuse she regularly suf-fered, but refused to give details of herself or her family.

Miss Rantzen said that about 90 per cent of children who telephoned did so anony-mously. But many telephoned several times before they were able to confide in a counsellor.

London and the Home Counties have recorded 688 cases so far, followed by southern England with 372 Midlands 377, East Anglia 124. North 806, west Scotland 229, Wales 112 and Northern treland 58.

Miss Rantzen said it cost £65,000 a year to keep one telephone line open. Individ-ual donations of £1 would pay for the cost of a 10-minute call. Companies are also being canvassed for support.

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Environment lobby accused of halting aviation progress

By Harvey Elliott, Air Corresponden

The Government was yesterday accused of "playing to the gallery" by making shortterm decisions aimed at pacifying environmental pres-sure groups which could severely damage the long-term future of British aviation and the travelling public.

Airports capacity in the South-east will be filled by the end of the century, yet min-isters refuse to "grasp the neitle of planning for more runways because it is a longterm problem which they can hand on to future ministers, according to the Air Transport Users Committee.

The committee, set up by the Civil Aviation Authority to represent the views of the travelling public, wants a long-term air transport policy which would exteed beyond the lifetime of service with the committee. the lifetime of any individual

government.
"Civil aviation is not an ordinary industry subject to the forces of the market place," the committee's chairman, Mr John Cox, said.

Government plays a major role. Unfortunately, govern-ments of both parties have denied that role the importance it deserves. There has been too much playing to the gallery for short-term political considerations and a lack of long-term decision

tackling racial incidents is a

priority, the Government said

In reply to a House of

Commons report on racially

motivated violence, the

Government said it is to carry

out a study of the incidence of racial violeoce in 1987 and

research the response of police

The Commons home affairs committee's recommendation

that police should press

charges against attackers, rather than rety on private prosecutions by the victims, is being discussed with the

crown prosecution service and

the Association of Chief Police Officers. An inter-departmental

working group, reporting to

Crime Prevention, has called

for more police action to

National statistics showing

the number of racial attacks

are not available but the Runnymede Trust, a

select committees are to pro-

highlighting their opposition

to government plans to instruct Civil Servants not to

answer questions about their

The main thrust of the report is understood to have

been agreed unanimously at a

private meeting of the liaison

committee of chairmen yes-

terday, and the final version

will be published as soon as

The report will reject any

attempt to curb the powers of select committees, and argue that the Government's pro-

posed instructions would in

some instances make their

The report will concentrate on the practical implications of the instructions, but it is

supported by another report published by the Treasury and

work impossible.

conduct

possible.

"robust" report

tackle racial attacks.

Ministerial Group 00

and other agencies to it.

"They take far too much notice of the so-called environmentalists because they make a great deal of noise, are articulate and are very effective in lobbying ministers. fares. The Government takes notice

of those who shout loudest." He gave several examples of short-term decisions which caused more problems in the

• The ending of the Heath-row-Gatwick helicopter link which both airlines and travellers regarded as vital but which was scrapped because of complaints about its noise. An analysis of competitioo in civil aviation generally which was finally dealt with as simply a battle between Brit-ish Airways and British

 Maintaining Prestwick as a Scottish international gateway rather than developing an international hub airport which would have been far more effective in keeping

Scottish air services. Decisions not to huild a second runway at Gatwick or at Stansted when there is clear evidence that such a runway will be needed shortly.

• A delay in the completion of Gatwick's second passenger terminal which is expected to cause huge delays and chaos to holidaymakers next summer.

abuse or attack by members of

another, a wedge is driven

between them.

To prevent continuing

damage to community rela-

such behaviour that their ac-

of racial intolerance and vi-

lier this week which outlined

the constitutional reasons why select committees had the power to demand what an-

mittee's investigation into the

Westland affair, during which

The chairmen believe this

move was ill-considered and

motivated more by pique than common sense, and that the Government will have to back

Mr John Biffen, Leader of

the House, has promised that

the instructions will not be formally issued until both the

Liaison and Treasury and

Civil Service committees have

been consulted.

swers they wanted.

"The long-term effects on

tions will not be tolerated.

Police told that

race is a priority

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

incidents a year.

and harassment.

reply said.

Protection for Civil

Servants criticized

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The chairmen of Commons Civil Service Committee ear-

The committee also at-tacked airlines for failing to provide information which would enable a proper debate to be held on European air

"We as consumers must have better access to this information," Mr Cox said. This is something govern-ment could facilitate. We are no longer prepared to tolerate the smokescreen put up by some airlines in Europe that is

simply designed to cover up their inefficient use of man-

power and resources for which we travellers pay." The committee is also continuing to press for the early introduction of smoke hoods on all passenger aircraft which could be worn in the event of a fire and which, it is claimed, would have saved

Manchester airport disaster. Further research work, probably involving members of the Armed Forces is now planned at Oxford University to refine the proposals for smoke hoods. A decision is expected by the Civil Aviation Authority next year.

many lives in the recent

But there is still concern among experts that the smoke hoods could cause more problems as people struggle to put them on and impede others

Doctor rejected patient'

Police forces should make campaigning pressure group, clear to ethnic minorities that estimates there are 70,000 treatment by a Harley Street psychiatrist when she lost her

job, a disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

Dr Ann Dally, aged 60, stopped helping the woman after she ran up a bill for more The Government welcomed the home affairs committee's report and said that, in spite of initiatives already taken, there was "no room for complacthan £200, the General Medi-The reply said: "Where one cal Council committee was community lives in fear of told.

The former hospital telephonist, identified only as Miss B, said: "I was not formally discharged. She just said don't come unless you have the money to pay me."
Miss B said Dr Dally

tions, the Government he-lieves it is important that visible and vigorous action is taken to combat racial attacks stopped treating her soon after she lost her joh in April last year. It was only after Miss B "It is vital to secure the went to a detoxification unit confidence of the ethnic minorities in the institutions the council's professional conof society and to signal clearly duct committee was told. to those who would perpetrate Miss B, aged 28, from

Buckinghamshire, said Dr Dally was "renowned" for not referring her patients to drying out centres.

our society of an undercurrent The committee was told olence must not be under-estimated," the government Miss B and her boy friend visited Dr Dally for two and a half years at her surgery in Devooshire Place, Marylebooe, central London. She charged the couple £45 per consultation. She added: "I only ever spent five or 10 minutes with Dr Dally and I was never in london for more

than half an hour".

Dr Dally denies two charges of serious professional miscooduct by irresponsibly prescribing the heroin substitute methadone and not properly checking oo the back-ground of one of her patients. The hearing continues.

The Government tagged its proposals on to the end of its reply to the defence com-Call to license crossbows to MPs unsuccessfully sought to question senior Civil Servants at the heart of the controversy. stop rustiers

The Farmers' Union of Wales yesterday called for crossbows to be licensed in an attempt to stop sheep rustlers.

Mr Brian Edwards, the Fuw Gwent branch secretary, said rossbows are used because they are silent and deadly. He said thefts often go undetected for long periods as rustlers take only a few sheep from each farm.

A private member's Bill was unveiled in Parliament this week to control the sale of crossbows, but Mr Edwards said they should also be licensed so owners could be

Hotel is sold for £2.6m

Ladbroke's have bought the 54-bedroom Felbridge Hotel at East Grinstead, West Sussex, for £2.6 million.

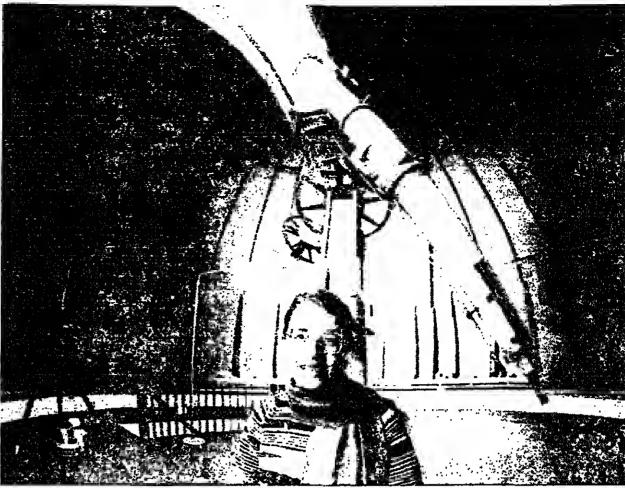
Proposals for the hotel, which began as tearooms in 1935 and was rebuilt after a fire in 1981, include adding 20 bedrooms and conference and training facilities.

Slim vehicle

A slimline fire engine costing £38,000 has been delivered to Gloucestershire Fire Brigade for use in the county's

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The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity. copies can be obtained from them at St. Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, Loudon, SW1Y 4QX (ref: 318007-A1-L1).



Dr Fiona Vincent with a 10in refracting telescope built in 1871 (Photograph: Arthur Foster).

Starry show will attract the crowds

By Kenneth Gosling

A shower of shooting stars this weekend is bound to visitors managed to see it. But Dr Vincent is rather glad attract an interested crowd to things are back to normal, as Britain's only full-time public the whole show is run by observatory at Dundee.

It will be nothing new to Dr
Fiona Vincent, city astronomer for the past four years,
who has been gratified to note
the graving numbers of vicherself and one assistant. She admits that Halley's Comet put rather a strain on the

system. A measure of the observthe growing numbers of vis-itors to the Mills Observatory atory's continuing popularity is shown by the fact that only at Balgay Park, which was given to Dundee in 1889 by Mr John Mills, an amateur five nights are left in March for party visits.

During the winter 100 peo-ple can be found viewing on a clear night through various astronomer. Halley's Comet had something to do with increasing the telescopes available to them. popularity of the subject - in spite of poor conditions 800 The astronomy society has

Dinosaur helps to win museum cash

The dinosaur found itself in the middle of a sophisticated "hard sell" marketing cam-paign at the Natural History Museum in London yesterday (Kenneth Gosling writes). Museum officials called in newspapers and advertising agencies to launch a "world

first" in boosting its services and trying to close the finan-cial gaps which threaten it through to 1991. As school parties wound

their way among the glass cases, a plan to issue two million passports next year, coinciding with the introduction of museum charges oo

initiative to generate more

ing or not, will be given a passport, each containing spe-cial offers, discounts and competitions; news about current and forthcoming events; a mini-map; suggestions for activities, and, of course, advertising.

tional institutions.

Every visitor, whether pay-

From next April admission will continue to be free between 4.30 and 6pm as well as to school parties and educa-

Everyone else will pay £2 a tion of museum charges oo head, half price for pensioners April 1, was unveiled as a new and "non-party" children.

Gold rush fear after court's decision

Irish archaeologists fear a "gold rush" by metal detector enthusiasts after a High Court "finder's keepers" ruling which could possibly add 1r£5.5 million to the bank balance of a wealthy farmer.

That is the value the judge put on the Derrynaflan hoard unearthed in February 1980 at Littleton bog in Tipperary by Mr Michael Wehb, aged 58, and his son Michael, aged 22. as they prospected ocar a fifth century Christian ruin with a

metal detector.

Mr Webb refused a reward of Ir£10,000 and took legal action for repossession of a complete ninth century altar set, the centrepiece of which is the jewel-studded gold and silver Derryaflan chalice, restored for Ir£28,000 by the British Museum. He wnn, and can keep the treasure or be

Although the Irish National Museum has lodged an appeal to the Supreme Court, its director. Dr Brendan O'Riordan, and other archaeologists are clearly worried at the gold

He has said that he would have preferred the hoard to have remained underground for another 100 years, rather than have it found with a metal detector.

He fears there will be a mass plundering of monastic sites throughout the republic and is worried that the High Court ruling could lead to hundreds of litigation cases for objects previously found and handed over to the museum.

After the High Court ruling Dr O'Riordan said he felt confident that the Supreme Court would take another

He disclosed that the museum had originally offered 1r£200,000 to the Webbs in compensation, hut this was overturned by the government, and reduced to Ir£10,000.



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WORLD SUMMARY

Guerrillas 'kill 1,000 tribesmen'

Dhaka — Bangladeshi Government officials claimed here yesterday that at least 1,000 people had been killed since 1975 by tribal guerrillas fighting for secession in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region (Alamed Fazl writes).

Amnesty International had accused the Government of

Amnesty International had accused the Government of having violated human rights in the Hills during its campaign to contain the war waged by the outlawed Shanti Bahini (peace force) guerrillas.

The Governmer' said that the victims included 43 tribesmen shot by guerrillas for having allegedly collaborated with the security forces. It also claimed that 500 Bengali Muslim settlers had been killed in ethnic clashes with Buddhist tribesmen between 1975 and 1981. It gave no figures for guerrillas or troops killed in the fighting.

An estimated 15,000 regular soldiers and paramilitary border guards are deployed in the Hills to fight the guerrillas, who are demanding the expulsion of Bengali settlers and a separate homeland for the 500,000 Chakma and Marma tribesmen.

Laureate's peace call

Oslo (Reuter) — The winner of the 1986 Nobel peace prize, he Romanian-born Jewish author and human rights

the Romanian-born Jewish author and human rights campaigner Elie Wiesel, yesterday called for better relations between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

"I would like to see this people, my people, able to establish the foundation for a constructive relationship with all its Arab neighbours, as it has done with Egypt. We must exert pressure on all those in power to come to terms," he said in a Nobel lecture at Oslo University.

Mr Wiesel, aged 58, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, was presented with the Nobel Peace Prize on Wednesday.

Falklands Israeli air attack permits

Madrid - Spanish fishing fleets are expected to be given 35 licences to operate in the fishing conservation zone around the Falkland Islands for the season beginning in February (Richard Wigg writes). Among those applying has been the fleet belonging to the Anamer Co-operative based on Vigo, in Galicia, north-western Spain: it is one of the best equipped for

catching squid.
The 150-mile conservation zone was announced on October 29, and Spain sides with Argentina in the sovereignty dispute.

Beirut – Israeli Air Force jets yesterday at-tacked Palestinian guerrilla bases in Syriancontrolled territory in nor-thern Lebanon (Juan Car-los Gunucio writes). Re-ports from the port of Tripoli said that four peowounded during the raid, near the Palestinian refu-

gee camp of Naher al-Bared.

Israeli military authori-ties in Tel Aviv claimed that outposts of the Fatah Revolutionary Council of the notorious Abu Nidal were among the targets hit.

Concession on Sikhs

Delhi - Britain has agreed during two days of discussions with the Indian Government to look at the possibility of changing British laws to crack down on Sikhs who are encourag-ing terrorist activities in India (Michael Hamlyn

A joint statement makes clear that the British team at the Delhi talks, led by Mr Timothy Renton, right, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, went a longwaytowardsmeeting

some of the objections of the Indians to what they see as "leniency" in Britain towards people advocating the establishment of Khalistan as a separate Sikh state. But such changes are likely to meet objections from a strong by within Parliament, and within the Conservative Party. worried by the erosion of freedom of speech.

Junta pair Veteran called

Athens - A parliamentary committee has decided to summon two jailed Greek junta leaders; Colonel George Papadopoulos and Brigadier Dimitris Ioannides, to testify in an investigation into the 1974 Greek-backed coup on Cypres (A Correspondent

The 30-member panel has interviewed 47 officials since it was formed in

deported

Bangkok - An American hero of the Victuam war, former Colonel James "Bo" Gritz, was deported from Thailand for the secoud time in three weeks (Neil Kelly writes).

Mr Grifz, who is persona non grata because of secret missious into Laos to look for American prisoners, was twice caught with a false passport. The first time he was sent to Singa-pore and then Hong Kong.

South African censorship

Newspapers faced with blanket of silence under Pretoria's rules

to indicate that textual or

The regulation on blank spaces in newspapers and magazines reads in full: "No

person shall publish any publication in which any blank

space or any obliteration or deletion of part of the text of a

photographic material has had to be deleted at the request of

the censors. It appears, how-

ever, that they will be allowed

to carry statements advising

readers that copy has been

amended. A journalist who

matter without authority will

be liable to a fine of 20,000

There is no indication of

censored.

South Africa's harsh new terday in the form of a proclamation signed by President Botha in the Government Gazette, impose a sweeping form of pre-publication censorship which has never previously been resorted to in this

country.

President Botha's proclamation was issued under the Public Safety Act of 1953, the law which empowers him to declare a state of emergency. It incorporates and extends greatly the emergency press regulations already in force in one form or another since

The new measures, which apply to both local and foreign journalists based here, list a wide range of "subversive statements" and anti-government activity which cannot be written about unless the re-ports have been cleared in advance by government off-

Although statements in Parliament will still be privileged, the regulations will for the first time restrict the reporting of public court proceedings in which final judgement has not yet been given.

Once judgement has been given, it will be possible to report such evidence. Any other news or comment on the arrest and detention of emergency detainees will be subjected to offficial clearance before it can be published. The Commissioner of Pol-

ice and the Minister of Home
Affairs are empowered to seize
how long it will take for an article to be cleared, banned or ice and the Minister of Home publications which contain prohibited material, and to close down for three months at a time any newspaper or periodical which persists in publishing material after having been warned.

rand (£6,250) or 10 years in prison, or imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Among the "subversive statements" which it will be an The Government's Bureau for Information is to set up an offence to publish without office, manned 24 hours a day, authorization are those "calto which journalists will be expected to submit, by telex, articles or parts of articles containing matter falling withculated to have the effect of inciting or encouraging mem-bers of the public " to take part in the ambit of the new

censorship rules. The onus will be on the journalist to observe this procedure. any unlawful "gathering concourse or procession of any number of persons": Newspapers are also prohibited from leaving hlank spaces

a physical attack on security force members, local auth-ority officials (for instance, black township councillors) and their families;

any form of boycott (for instance, of white-owned shops, particular products, schools), civil disobedience (e.g., refusing to pay rents), stayaways from work or illegal

report or of a photograph or part of a photograph appears, if that blank space, oblitera-• the activities of any "altertion or deletion, as may appear native structure", a reference from an express statement or a sign or symbol in that publica-tion or from the particular context in which the blank to the "people's courts" and grass-roots "civic associa-tions" which have sprung up in black townships across the space, obliteration or deletion country in opposition to appears, is intended to be government-created bodies understood as a reference to the effect of a provision of these regulations." such as township councils;

agitation against compul-sory military service.

All reporting of these activities will also be subject to official clearance. For exam-ple, it will be an offence to publish details of the time and place of unlawful gatherings or to report on the effectiveness of boycotts, work stayaways and the like.

Present regulations prohibiting journalists from being on the scene, or at a place within sight, of any unrest, restricted gathering or security force action", of from reporting security force action, with-out official permission are included in the new measures.

Publish — and be banned

From Our Own Correspondent

journalists, and foreign corressympathetic judges, to get pondents based here, are still round the new controls. trying to digest the full im-plications of the sweeping new much doubt, is to prevent press controls imposed yes-terday, which are far in excess of anything they have pre-being published about matters viously experienced.
"We will publish as much as

"We will publish as much as we can, but with due prudence," Mr Anthony Heard, editor of the Cape Times, said.
"unrest" — which includes not only actual violence and riots, but a wide range of extraparliamentary opposition, protest and civil disobedience.

"We must not take this lying down. I think there could still be room for challenging prohibited all journalists from the broad alliance of grass-the regulations in the courts. being on the scene of unrest, roots anti-apartheid organill not avite in th Cambodia league, though we of the security forces without have clearly crossed a water- official permission, though it

Previous regulations, parments", were eroded considerably by Snpreme Court in practice, judgements which found that Writing jo many of the regulations had been so vaguely drafted, and were so sweeping and ar-bitrary in their scope, as to be

At first glance, the revised and reinforced regulations contained in yesterday's proclamation appear to be much vetting more carefully and precisely case. worded, and deliberately designed to close the loopholes of police and army action. The It is going to require some government is said to have here.

South African editors and highly creative advocacy, and been infuriated by the device used by Johannesburg's evening newspaper, The Star, of printing, deadpan, the official version of police action alongside the usually radically different version given by township residents. All such reports will now have to be sifted through the covered by the omnibus term

Bureau of Information. This will limit severely any uncensored reporting not only of unrest but also of the activities of organizations like the United Democratic Front, The previous regulations were onerous enough. They

Trom reporting the actions *izations* Papers like the Weekly Mail, started by journalists who formerly worked on the is fair to acknowledge that they were not enforced to the now defunct Rand Daily Mail, ticularly those restricting the letter in the case of foreign and New Nation, which is reporting of "subversive state-journalists, and were always funded by the Catholic church more stringent on paper than and edited by a black political activist, Mr Zwelakhe Sisulu, will find it particularly hard to Writing journalists, at least, could still report at second operate as they specialize in

hand, using their own con-tacts, on unrest incidents. the government.

The sheer practicability of the censorship machinery is Reporting of boycotts, stri-kes and other forms of protest covered by the new regulaalso in question. There will tions were also not subject to initially be six telex machines any form of pre-publication vetting, as will now be the in the Bureau of Information to handle copy that may be submitted for clearance by both domestic newspapers and journalists and the more than 100 foreign journalists

Mr Khashoggi said there

covering black resistance to

Rennes early yesterday morning to protest against low milk prices. More than 100 militant members of the local farmers' union staged similar demonstrations throughout Brittany. Vote leaves EEC without budget

Strasbourg (Reuter) - The terday came to its defence (Andrew McEwan writes).

M Luc de La Barre de Nanteuil said that too much imaget, vesterday vated to budget, yesterday voted to increase spending next year by to a policy that cost the more than its legal margin. equivalent of only 0.6 per cent more than its legal margin.
But M Pierre Pilimlin,
president of the European

Parliament, has said he will not sign what would be an illegal budget. The vote came after senior Euro-MPs and budget minist-

ers failed after more than 10 hours of talks to agree on new spending priorities for 1987. The Strasbourg Assembly was keen for more cash for social and regional spending, and for research and aid

programmes now threatened by runaway farm expenditure. The failure to settle a budget a budget shortfall next year of nearly \$4 billion (about £2.7 billion), on to an emergency financing system from Jan-

Mr Henning Christopher-sen, the EEC Budget Commis-sioner, told journalists the situation faced by the Community was now "very, very serious indeed".

He said both sides had fallen out over a microscopic amount in relation to the entire budget. He said there had been a regrettable lack of political will to reach an accord.

• Cap defended: As British attempts to find a formula to curb the excesses of the EEC's Common Agricultural Policy (Cap) continued, the French Ambassador to Britain yesFrom Our Correspondent

importance was being attached of the gross national product of the EEC. Its problems were those of

A French milk producer throwing a churn of milk in front of the administrative centre at

French protest au lait

success, he told the French Chamber of Commerce. While a recent series of articles in The Times had presented Cap as wholly bad, it was not without advantages.

While admitting that Cap cost 70 per cent of the EEC budget, he pointed out that

Britain's contribution was only 18 per cent against 21 per cent for France and more than 25 per cent for West Germany.

His remarks came between forces the EEC, already facing two sessions of the 12 Agriculture Ministers in Brussels seeking cuts in dairy and beef production. After failing to agree earlier this week the nisters have been called to a special weekend session to-

> BRUSSELS: Fears that the Common Market plans to propose a new single rate of Value Added Tax (VAT) on books and learned journals prompted the launch yesterday of an anti-VAT cam-paign by the European Book Publishers' Association (Our

Correspondent writes). In Britain, Ireland and Portugal books are zero rated for VAT. But in other countries VAT ranges from 2 per cent in Italy to 22 per cent in

Japanese drag feet on Scotch

Brussels

When the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Tadashi Kuranari, meets Sir Geoffrey Howe here today he will have disappointing news for the Scotch whisky industry.

According to diplomatic sources in the European Community, the Japanese delegation came to Brussels this week without any concrete proposals for opening up the Japanese liquor market to imported spirits.

The Trade and Industry Minister, Mr Hadjime Tamura, is said to have told the Europeans that no legislation has yet been drawn up to change a tax system that discriminates against foreign products.

Although the Japanese Cabinet recently gave the go-ahead for the Finance Ministry to draw up new legislation, Mr Tamura spoke of "the long procedures" involved in changing laws that would have a harsh effect on

The news will be particularly hard because the £140 million-a-year spirits export trade has taken on an importance beyond its real significance in the overall trade between Japan and

Europe.
It has become a test case for the EEC's ability to force a change in Japanese attitudes on imports

Name of the game

in French

From Diana Geddes

What is the most popular name for a child in France today? Marcel? Jeanne? Jean-Pierre? Odette? No, those are all now definitely passe.
Emilie and Julien top the popularity charts, with Anglo-Saxon names such as Kevin Saxon names such as Kevin and Marion gaining ground.

A study of christian names just published by two sociologists, shows that names have cycles of populrity before going out of fashion.

Until the beginning of this century, a French child was given the name of a parent or

given the name of a parent or close relatives, of the saint on whose day be was born, or of godparents. Over the past 80 years, however, the choice has been much more varied.

Among girls, Marie was most popular in the early years of the century. At the outbreak of the First World War, Jeanne took over. Then came Jeannine or Janine (1927-35); Monique (1936-43); Danielle (1944-7); Francoise (1948-50); Martine (19-51-8); Brigitte (1959); Sylvie (1960-4); Nathalie (1965-72); Sandrine (1973); Stephanie (1975-7); Céline (1978-80); Aurélie (1981-4); and Emilie since 1985.

Among boys, Jean was supreme for 25 years (1913-37); followed by Michel (1938-55); Patrick (1956-8; Philippe (19-59-63); Thierry (1964-5); Philippe (1966); Christophe (19-67-8); Stéphane (1970-5); Sébastien (1976-9); Nicolas (19-80-2); and Julien since 1983.

the arms profits were going to Central America. He told the committee members that this was his first inkling that funds generated by the arms deal were perhaps being diverted for another purpose.

Mr Gerry Studds, a Massachusetts Democrat on the committee, said there was with oversight responsibilities.

Astonishment on Capitol Hill as congressmen investigate the Iran arms scandal

CIA head reveals Canada connection

The first week of hearings on the Iran affair by the House of Representatives ends today, leaving congressmen aston-ished at some of the secret testimony and provoking further controversy over the role of the Central Intelligence Agency and its director, Mr William Casey.

Committee members said afterwards they had learnt that the scandal involved new characters, whom they would not identify. They said that, despite Mr Casey's frequent assertions during his five-hour testimony that he did not know many of the answers, he had revealed a Canadian connection to the Iran arms sales and the diversion of funds to the Nicaraguan Contras.

The Washington Post said yesterday that this involved a group of Canadians, who had financed the US arms shipments to Iran but did not receive the money they were owed and were threatening in October to file a lawsuit to expose the clandestine competed a week of closed

Mr Casey had reportedly learnt about this from a former New York legal client, who had telephoned him on October 7 and told him that National Security Council exthe arms profits were going to cept President Reagan and Central America. He told the Vice-President Bush. It has

member said the puzzle was "very far from complete". And the chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, Mr Dante Fascell, said that, when "all the dots are linked", it would certainly be "extraordinary". Meanwhile, Mr Adnan Khashoggi, a Saudi Arabian arms dealer, has admitted that he initiated the sale of arms to Iran, but said he knew nothing of the Iranian

payments being used to help the Contras.

Arms dealers in Hamburg.

He said on television that, After that meeting, Mr

The various committees investigating the Iran arms deal and diversion of funds to the Contras in Nicaragua are:

 Senate select committee on intelligence: chairman, Sen-ator David Durenberger (Republican, Minnesota). It has hearings and is issuing countrywide subpoenas for documents. It has expanded its witness list and may soon cover all senior officials on the

"pretty universal astonishment" at Mr Casey's testimony, and "a lot of open mouths in the room". Another im an effort to bring peace to the Middle East, he wrote to and got what the Israelis saw Mr Robert McFarlane, then as a go-ahead for the sales, he the National Security Adviser, on July I last year, offering to put him in contact with was no mention at the time of Iranian moderates. He said the American hostages in

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, President Mubarak of Egypt

copies of the letter were sent to

and King Husain of Jordan. He said after the letter was sent, Mr Manushir Ghorbanifar, an Iranian arms dealer, and other Iranians met Mr David Kimche, then Director-General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, and Israeli

He told ABC Television

that when the Iranians learnt they were dealing with the Israelis, Ayatollah Khomeini declared: "We deal with the Devil for our own objectives." He said two more arms shipments followed, with funds supplied by financiers in Canada and the Cayman Is-lands, which were paid into a

I chanon.

The men digging into the mess From Mohsin Ali, Washington

for all government intelligence abroad. Its closed hearings

began on Tuesday.

Select committees: Leaders of the House and Senate agreed last week to form separate Watergate-style com-mittees. The committees will be created by separate resolu-tions in each chamber immediately after the new Congress convenes on January 6. The Senate panel will include six Democrats, five Republicans and one non-voting ex officio member from each party, the House panel of nine Demo-crats and six Republicans. • House of Representatives foreign affairs committee: chairman, Mr Dante Fascell (Democrat, Florida). The com-mittee heard testimony in open session from Mr George

Shultz, Secretary of State, and

Mr Robert McFarlane, former National Security Adviser, on Monday. Vice-Admiral John Poindexter and Lieutenaut-Colonel Oliver North appeared before it on Tuesday, but took the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer questions. The committee is also seeking a wide range of documents concerning the case.

Justice Department: Laua-

end when an independent counsel (prosecutor) is app-● Independent inquiry: The Justice Department last week asked a three-judge court to appoint a coursel and to approve a mandate to investigate illegalities related to the

ched a full-scale criminal investigation on November 26.

Its investigation is expected to

UN debate fails to cool strife From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

The war of words between

Nicaragua and Honduras has escalated in the United Nations Security Council, despite efforts by the Sandinista Government to avoid a confrontation on the ground by playing down the Hon-duran role in the weekend strafing of Nicaraguan targets. During the debate on Wednesday night each side charged the other with aggres-sion and responsibility for the recent border clashes.

Señora Nora Estorga, the Nicaraguan representative, accused the US of state

She said that the Reagan Administration was seeking to manipulate Honduras and other countries in laying the groundwork for a war "of major proportions" in the region, and accused Honduras of having completely fab-ricated charges that 2,500 Nicaraguan troops were on Honduran territory. Señor Roberto Martinez.

the Honduran delegate, vowed that military action against Sandinista forces would cease only when every Nicaraguan soldier had been removed from Honduran territory. General Vernon Walters, the US Ambassador, de-

scribed Nicaragua's request

for a Security Council meeting

as "an act of astonishing

duplicity and arrogance".

Police were searching for Señor Jaime Caballero, a politically well-connected San Sebastian industrialist, who they suspect was seized on Wednesday by the armed separatist organization while go-ing to one of two nearby paper factories owned by his family. So far Eta has not claimed responsibility, but the Madrid

Government representative in the autonomous region said he believed the kidnapping was due to Eta's need for funds as well as the desire to "intervene" in the government-forming process.
Señor Benegas, who needs
some 20 MPs from other parties to support him in the 75scat Basque Parliament, blamed Eta for seeking to create a

politically tense atmosphere. The industrialist, aged 44, is a friend of the Basque Nationalist Party, which has ruled until now, and his father was a prominent local politician and Eta killed the Military Gov-

ernor of San Sebastian and his wife and son in October and the industrial district where after businessmen have re-fused to pay the so-called "revolutionary tax"

Kidnap shadow on **Basque politics**

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor José Benegas, the Socialist leader in the Basque country, yesterday began ne-Families have often secretly gotiations to form a new govpaid the ransom because the ernment after last month's authorities bave not been able general election against the grim background of a suspect-ed Eta kidnapping. to protect them adequately. The Socialists desire haste,

above all, in getting a coalition government, which the election result made inevitable, off the ground. But no party has yet got beyond prelimi-nary gestures. Señor Benegas began negotiations yesterday with the small Basque Left, which is

ideologically closest to the Socialists. But the party he wants to persuade is the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV), which may decide at a weekend gathering of land weekend gathering of local party leaders whether to go into opposition

Señor Benegas has only rul-ed out talks with the People's Unity coalition, the political wing of Eta.
The Basque Solidarity Par-

ty, formed after the split of the bitherto ruling party in the region, whose support Senor Benegas might also have to look to, is proposing with-drawal of all Spanish security forces as an opening gambit

for joining a government.

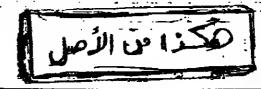
Meanwhile, the 100-odd
Basques serving sentences for terrorist offences in the maximum security prison outside Madrid have begun what they the industrial district which the family factory is situated is known locally as an area disobedience. Yesterday they staged hourly protests, seeking to damage prison property. They are demanding better During the past 10 years 39 criminal inmates. treatment than the common

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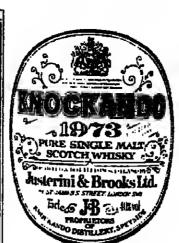
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Bonn holds civil servant for link with 'spy' and charges secretary

in the West German Defence with a man calling himself Dr Ministry has been arrested oo Sternberg, who had visited his suspicion of spying for East home in Bonn a few weeks Germany, while at the same before. time it was revealed yesterday Dr Sternberg, who had in-that a former secretary in the troduced himself as a repre-Federal President's Office has sentative of a foreign arms been charged with spying for firm, had asked Herr West-

A Defence Ministry spokesman said that the civil servant, named as Herr Jürgen Westphal, aged 48, had worked in the department of the armed forces chief-of-staff since 1980 on planning stud-ies. He had been under surveillance for months and was arrested oo Tuesday.

A military counter-intelligence agent said that he could have done serious damage to Bonn because be had access to military planning and to the.

service. He had had a two-day

A high-ranking civil servant meeting in Vienna in August

phal to work for his company on the side", he said.

"on the side", he said.

Dr Rebmann said that so far
the questioning of Herr
Westphal suggested that he
had not carried out any espionage work before his arrest.
He added that the case of
Frau Margarete Höke, aged
51, who was a secretary in the
Federal President's Office
from June 1959 until her from June 1959 until her arrest in August 1985 amid a wave of spy scandals in Bonn. Sions around the world as well as information on civil defence measures in Germany. was much more serious.

He told a press conference in Karlsruhe that he had

Between 1972 and July early next year.

1985, he said, Frau Höke had had access to more than 1,700 documents classified confi-dential, secret or top secret. Most had come from the foreign, interior and defence ministries as well as from the chancellery. They incloded reports on Cabinet meetings and federal intelligence service affairs.

Dr Rebmann said Frau Höke had given her KGB spymaster copies of many of the documents, including hriefings for successive federal presidents on foreign and defence questions. She had also betrayed secret reports from Bonn's diplomatic mis-Cabinet decisions on the

appointments or promotions armed forces' computer.

Dr Kurt Rebmann, the raised charges against her on November 29 on suspicion of said that Herr Westphal was suspected of having offered to suspected of having of

Soviet boost to pull-out talks

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

A Soviet effort to speed negotiations on withdrawal of its troops from Afghanistan appeared to be under way

yesterday. Mr Abdul Sattar, head of the Pakistan Foreign Ministry, said after discussions in Mos-cow with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, that a timetable for withdrawal could be agreed

Dr Muhammad Najib, the Afghan Prime Minister, was expected to arrive in Moscow

yesterday. The two visits are reached on United Nations the latest in a series of indications that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov may be serious about wanting a settlement.

Recent signs include his statement that Moscow would welcome a neutral govern-ment in Kabul, and the fact that during his visit to India Soviet television broadcast a press conference which in-cluded hostile questions about the Soviet military presence in

Afghanistan. resum Full agreement has been ruary.

monitoriog of the withdrawal of 110,000 Soviet troops and on plans to cut the supply lines of Afghanistan's Islamic guerrillas, the Mujahidin.

Señor Diego Cordovez, the UN Under-Secretary-General, was reported yesterday to have said that the timetable for withdrawal would be the only problem remaining when proximity talks between Afghan and Pakistani officials resume io Geneva in FebLife-and-death struggle with a lioness From Michael Hartnack, Harare

Paul Bekker, aged 32, a Zimbabwean farmer, recovering in a hospital bed in Harare from wounds he received after stabbing a lioness to the heart in a 10-minute life-and-death struggle. His 16month-old daughter, Carolie, is with him. Mr Bekker, of Marondera, was one of a 16-member party from the Dutch Reformed Church who were combining Scripture lessons with nature study on a canoe safari down the Zambezi river. They camped on Tuesday at Rukomeshe Rest Huts, downstream from the Chirundu border post,

between Zimbabwe and Zambia, when Mr Bekker and two companions, the Rev John Oosthuisen and Mir Piet Britz, were woken by the lioness, who forced her way into their hut through the door and seized Mr Bekker by the

His companions reshed out of the hut and brought Mr Bekker a hunting knife, with which he stabbed the lioness to the heart. He was given immediate first aid by two medical students from another canoe party and rushed to hospital in Harare.

French in new atoll atom test

Wellington (Reuter) - The French Government yester-day exploded its eighth nuclear device this year at the South Pacific test site on Mururoa Atoll, according to New Zealand scientists. The hlast was the 83rd since 1975.

Cold cash

Buenos Aires (Reuter) -Argentina became the first country to open a bank in Antarctica when the state-owned Bank of the National Territory of Tierra del Fuego, Antarctica and South Atlantic Islands opened a branch at Esperanza military base.

Weighty move

Ankara (Reuter) — Turkey has granted political asylum to the weightlifting champion of Bulgaria, Naim Suleymanov, an ethnic Turk who disappeared in Australia this week, Foreign Ministry of-ficials said.

Pope's plea

Pope, in his 1987 peace message, begged terrorists to give up violence even if their cause was just saying that they undermined the very fabric of

Cheat's end

Peking (Reuter) - Zjang Zhiping, a factory employee who embezzled 117,000 yuan (£21,700) by issuing false receipts and stealing his company's coal, has been executed, China's official Central Television Station said.

Irag attack

Baghdad (Reuter) - Iraq said that its military aircraft had attacked a large naval target - its usual term for an oil tanker or cargo ship — in the Gulf, according to a military spokesman.

US says Israelis too quick to shoot

From laa Murray Jerusalem

The United States has lold Israel that it considers an excessive use was made of guns in dealing with the unrest in the occupied territories

over the past week.

The political officer at the American Embassy in Tel Aviv, Mr Roger Harrison. passed on this view to Mr Michael Shilo, director of the North America division at the Foreign Ministry, during a meeting to seek clarification about what led to four people being killed and 21 others wounded, some seriously, by gunfire. Another 37 needed treatment for injuries.

Mr Harrison accepted that there had been great provocation to the security forces trying to control the often violent demonstrations, hut questioned the need for troops

questioned the need for troops to fire live ammunition so often to break them up.

The meeting at a relatively low diplomatic level, was arranged after the United States refused 10 veto a UN Security Council resolution this week which condemoed tyrael over eveots in the Israel over eveots in the

territories.

Demonstrations and protests continued yesterday both in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, although oo a much-reduced scale. The worst reported incident was at a UN school io the Gaza Surp, which is old to bounds to Israeli soldiers: troops fired several gas canisters at girls in the playground after stones had been thrown.

During the week-long dis-turbances Israeli security forces have made 176 arrests. largely for stone-throwing. Six of those captured, from the Tulkarm refugee camp west of Nahlus, have already been sentenced to up to six months

sentenced to up to six months imprisonment, aloog with fines of between £800 and £1,200 each.
On the Israeli side, an inquiry is continuing into who fired the shot which killed a 12-year-old Palestinian boy at Balata refugee camp near Nab-lus on Monday. The Israeli army insists that its patrol there fired only after the boy was taken dying to hospital. nobody in the camp has a gun. Investigators are trying to trace a car, seen oear the camp

at the time of the shooting, which may have been carrying militant Israeli settlers. The settlements in areas like this. Vatican City (Reuter) - The deep in the West Bank, are and Palestinians claim they are only too eager to use them.

The wave of violent protests has roused the anger of the settler movement at a time when it is growing suspicious that the government will go back on its undertaking to build six more such colonies in the occupied territories.

Leaders of Gush Emunim, the militant settler movement. are threatening to organize strikes and sit-ins where they want to settle if the governmeot does not honour its commitment quickly. Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, has oow promised: "If the economic situation allows it, Likud will act for the establishment of additional

Copper Belt still tense as army takes control

From Michael Hartnack, Harare The Zambian Army was past year and is now worth

said yesterday to be in control of the tense situation on the country's Copper Belt after a week of rioting in which eight people have died and hundreds of others were injured. Pitched battles have raged

on a scale unprecedented even in the violence before Zambia gained independence from Britain 22 years ago. Public anger exploded at a 110 per cent increase in the price of maize meal, the country's staple food.

Only sporadic incidents of stone throwing were reported yesterday in the main Copper Belt towns of Ndola, Kitwe and Mufulira, where security forces maintained the dusk-todawn curfew imposed by President Kaunda.

No unrest was reported in the volatile squatter town-ships around the Zambian capital, but some traders in Lusaka were preparing shutters in case the looting spread. Members of Zambia's small Asian community have been the main victims of the attacks

on shops.

Mr Kaunda maintained his ban on outgoing traffic at Zambia's land borders, stranding dozens of Zimbabwean transport drivers en route from Harare to Zaire. The Government said that the border closure was to stop

loot being smuggled from the country. However, Zambia's airports were open and flights were departing as usual The rioting was triggered by an increase from about 3.8 kwacha to 8.2 kwacha (19p-41p) for a kilogram of maize meal. The kwacha has lost 90

per cent of its value over the

about 5p. The subsidy on maize meal maintained by the Government - the last vestige of a policy of using copper revenues to buy cheap imported food - was slashed in order to secure a loan of \$280 million (about £187 million) from the

International Monetary Fund. Zamhia has oow accrued about £2.7 billion in foreign debt and is faced with a slump in revenues from copper, its only important export. Local farming has been discouraged by years of price undercutting by unrestricted imports from developed countries.

Observers in Harare are dismayed by the outbreak of violence, which for 14 years withstood a sanctions war with Rhodesia, when an economic confrontation with South Africa may be imm-

At the height of the copper belt rioting the forces used shotguns to blast their way through barricades when teargas and baton charges failed.

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Economic crisis in the Philippines

Two years of hard slog will need international support

From David Watts Manila

The Philippines is struggliog for economic survival. and its ministers give it only Iwo years to try to avoid a

If democracy is to be made secure, international investment must come soon to fight poverty and unemployment.

Even if things go well, it will be the 1990s before it can recover the standard of living of four years ago, so destructive has been the combination of low world prices for its primary products, the weight of its international deht and the greed and incompetence of the ousted President Marcos and his cronies.

One leading foreign economist is more gloomy about the country's prospects even than invested more in their country country's prospects even than the Philippines Government: There is no light at the end of the tunnel."

There are, however, occasional glimmers of hope that the Government seizes, like the 2.5 per cent improvement in gross national product in the third quarter: the first expansion of GNP after 2½ years of decline, it could mean an annual GNP growth of between zero and 0.5 per cent.

Mitsui Trading Company.

The Japanese, however, are expected to resume their interest once the situation is clarified. The number of clarified. The number of the country and t

On the credit side, the Government of President Aquino has the prospect of political stability with the departure from the Government of the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, a ceasefire with the Communist insurgents, and the expected overwhelming endorsement of a new constitution in early February. Inflation is virtually non-existent and the peso exchange rate stable.

Although new investment in the first 10 mooths of the year was down on the pre-vious year, Mr. José Concepcion, Minister of Trade and Industry, says that for the first than did foreigners.

On the debit side, high hopes of more Japanese investment raised during Mrs Aquino's visit to Tokyo have been dampened by the kidnap of the local manager of the Mitsui Trading Company.

But if social and political strikes is up by 61 per cent chaos is 10 be staved off, the over last year, but the number

Mr Marcos has taken time. But now a programme for the economy has been agreed which will run to the end of Mrs Aquino's tenure in 1992.

The Philippines is a classic example of how World Bank and IMF development schemes and loans can result in a Third World country's boring itself into a seemingly bottomless pit of debt. Mrs Solita Monsod, Min-

ister of Economic Planning, argues that the highly-paid representatives in Manila of international banks and institutions, who must have known that Mr Marcos and his cronies were creaming off huge portions of each new loan, must now take some of the responsibility for the present situation. She demands repudiation, or at least

a further moratorium, on some of the Philippines' debts. Forty per cent of the 1987 budget will go to finance payments on the \$26,000 mil-lion (£18,000 million) na-tional debt, and unless some of that is repudiated, or much more generous terms permitted, there will not be the money to develop the industry needed to get the country back

Government believes that a of man-days lost by only 8 per GNP growth rate of 6.5 per cent.

Sorting ont the mess left by expected to resume until early next year. Negotiations with the Paris Clob, which includes Britain, are due to resume later this month.

> It is hard to believe that in the 1960s the Philippines was one of Asia's bright economic hopes, second only to Japan. Today the rest of Asia, apart from Vietnam and Cambodia, has left it hopelessly adrift after 20 wasted years under President Marcos. Sixty per cent of the people are on the poverty line. In sugar-growing areas people are starving.

The electronics revolution has come and gone, and the Philippines has picked up little of the sunrise industry that goes with it. Even in such basics as textiles Taiwan and South Korea have advantages in almost everything except labour costs.

The country has little manufacturing base, having fived for years off the sale of fruit, sugar and coconuts.

Mrs Monsod argues that a manufacturing base must be built from scratch, and that it is impossible to do so while so much of the country's money is being eaten up by outstand-ing debt.

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The Government Grant Scheme, which isn't due to end until mid-1987, can

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The time to talk is now!



Communist guerrillas in the Philippines joyfully raising their guns in the Bataan town of Samal, 33 miles west of the capital, to celebrate the 60-day ceasefire agreed with the government armed forces of President Corazon Aquino earlier this week.

Tasman defence talks on the rocks

From Richard Long

Attempts by the New Zealand Government to expand defence relationships with Australia appeared to be on the rocks yesterday after a day of discussions between Mr David Lange, the Prime Min-ister of New Zealand, and Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs. Mr Hayden, who arrived in

New Zealand saying that the defence relationship had gone about as far as it could and that Australia could not replace the United States' role, made clear that there were no proposals to expand links.

He said that newspaper reports had led him to expect this, and that such an expan-sioo would imply increased defence spending, but there had been no concrete proposal from New Zealand.

The comments led to some confusion about New Zealand's defence plans in view of earlier comments from Mr Lange, Mr Frank O'Flynn, Minister of Defence, and other ministers that a strengthened defence relationship with Australia was sought 10 replace, in part, the loss of the American connection.

America withdrew its sec urity commitment after the Lange Government last year banned the entry of nuclear

Opposition stakes claim in Trinidad

From Jeremy Taylor, Port of Spain

Trinidad and Tobago is preparing for general elections on Monday which are likely to be the closest and most bitterly

92,000 names — more than 10 per cent of the electorate — to the supplemental list.

Mr Chambers, who sucfought in 30 years. The rating People's National Movement (PNM), which swept to power in 1956 under Dr Eric Williams and has been there ever since, is struggling to heat off a challenge from the first unified and broadly-based opposition party it has ever faced — the National Alliance for Reconstruction (NAR), led by

a former lieutenant of Dr.
Williams, Mr A.N. Robinson.
An opinion poll published
last weekend gave the NAR a lead of 55 per cent to 23 per cent in voting intentions; and Mr Robinson a lead of 45 per cent to 18 over the Prime Minister, Mr George Cham-

bers, in popularity ratings. However, the PNM has a 26-10 majority in Parliament, and even the 29 per cent swing reported by the poll may not erode that lead. The NAR has complained forcefully of irregularities in the voters' list, including the addition of



popularity polls.

Mr Chambers, who suc-ceeded Dr Williams in 1981, ispresenting the PNM as the natural party of government, the party of stability, continuity and good financial man-

The PNM manifesto relies heavily on its 30-year track record. The NAR pictures the ruling party as weary and secretive after three decades in power - bankrupt of ideas, riddled with corruption, and guilty of mismanaging the wealth of the country's 1974-83 oil boom. It promises renewed energy and action as well as such carrots as tax concessions and an annesty for illegal Caribbean imm-

The election comes as the oil-based economy is in serious decline, due partly to declining production and a stagnant. refining sector, but also to the fall of oil prices, which slashed national revenue and wiped out the local currency gains of devaluation a year ago.

Unemployment, officially at 17 per cent, has become the most serious issue as a series of business closures and layoffs continues.

Foreign exchange reserves have been steadily depleted; the trade surplus is declining; and the Government has been experiencing cash flow prob-Alternative sources of rev-

cane, such as tourism, export manufacturing and petrochemicals, are still far from generating new income at the levels required. The annual budget, normally presented this month, has been post-

Solidarity faces hi-tech accusation by police

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The Polish equivalent of walls there were weapons - a MI5 cleared the vaulting horse and parallel bars from a police gymnasium and loaded it with Tandy computers, said by the and parallel bars from a police gymnasium and loaded it with confiscated Western bugs, high-frequency transmitters and code books, as part of a concerted campaign to show that the Solidarity underthat the Solidarity under-ground is now little more than a spy ring.

The move coincided with a government appeal to all those planes. still active in underground opposition to give themselves underground activity and spyup before the end of the year. when the amnesty expires.

Colonei Jerzy Karpacz, a the Polish counter-espionage department, said Western sethe financing of shioments of allegations io the regional expensive high-tech equipment to the underground.

On one side of the gymnasium, where off-duty secret policemen would normally have done their press-ups, was a pile of contraband confiscated from two Scandinavian trucks which were recently intercepted at the border. The equipment included

West German offset presses, the load through. ing to Polish counter-spies could have been used to produce 40 million pages of sub-versive words - 20 photocopying machines, several there is oo real link between what is displayed and the disguised as paint, piles of conclusions drawn by the Poish emigre documents, authorities. The equipment regarded as proof positive of high-grade transmitters for high-grade activity highbeaming Solidarity pro-beaming on to Polish telegrammes on to Polish television, and devices for listening to police and military frequencies.

On the other gymnasium

officials to have been snatched devices, code books and photocopies of a classified book listing Polish trucks and

ing are part of the same spectrum. It was supposed to demonstrate that Solidarity lawyer and senior member of probably could oot continue if il were not for Western

Colonel Karpacz, echoiog Swedish smuggler, caught on November 29, had aroused the suspicion of the Swedish police before leaving on the

ferry to Poland. But the customs authorites had checked with higher authorities - the implication was that it was a wing of the Swedish secret services - and the load had been waved

The problem with this kind of selective openness towards the Western press by the communist security services is that



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TELEVISION

Continuing its policy of providing a forum for mar-ginal, if not to say dissident, views, Open Space (BBC2) played host to a history student from Stirling who set out to question our uncritical acceptance of the House of Windsor. Brave man.

A Voyage Round the Mon-archy turned out to be a day trip to the more salient peaks of the anti-royalist range, from the glacial Piers Brandon to the majestic and still potentially volcanic Willie Hamilton MP, a man for whom the existence of royalty seems a personal affront. "Reactionary and right-wing, brainwashing, irrational..." We had, of course, heard it all before.

On a more perceptive tack, Phillip Knightley sensibly suggested that Fleet Street and the Palace seem to observe an unwritten code of conduct, whereby the former may print as much speculative trash as it pleases so long as it does not question its subject's raison d'etre. An out-and-out republican newspaper would indeed be a wonder to behold, as well

rcial disaster. Republicans come in various guises, from earnest Christian democrats to weekend Roundheads. One would like to have asked these last whether they realized that life under the Protectorate was high-minded, peranoid and not much fun. But it really is no good saying that the wonarchy is absurd and anachronistic, when that is at least partly the point of it.

One waited in vain for an interviewee to declare what ns to be self-evident: that, with the Church of England all but moribund, the Royal family have become not so much a living soap opera as a secular cult, individually embodying the virtues and foibles of a pagan pantheon and collectively serving as a focus for quasi-religious sentiment. The Defender of the Faith is symbolically more important than the faith she defends.

In this context, levellers' moans about the class system are a red herring. They may have had more validity in the second 40 Minutes film about Whitehall's recruitment procedure, The Final Board (also BBC2), which showed a Charterhouse girl scraping into the Diplomatic Service and a Comprehensive boy scraping out of the Home Civil Service.

Both are Oxbridge gradu-ates, both rowed for their colleges. In interview, she was charming, personable, well-spoken and utterly flummoxed by some fairly straightforward questions; he was balding, demotic, slightly chippy and capable of sustaining an

worried about his espousal of the "issues" picked up in his time on the GLC grants committee than of his time spent working for the London Rubber Company. He would probably have been well advised not to say, on leaving,

Martin Cropper

Everyman becomes a staff

David Robinson joins America in falling for the charm of an outback innocent at large in New York

CINEMA

Crocodile Dundee (15)

Leicester Square Theatre

Harem (15) Cannon Shaftesbury

Howard . . . A New Breed of Hero (pg) Empire Leicester

Avenue

Square Link (15)

Cannons, Haymarket, Oxford Street

Crocodile Dundee opened in the United States 10 weeks ago, took \$8 million in its first three days on release, and then climbed to top place in the box-office charts, a position it has retained for the past month. This kind of popular success is unprecedented for an Australian - or, indeed for any non-American film - and serves to demonstrate how enthusiastically the public will still respond to comedy of the most simple, good-natured, old-fashioned sort — and to a star of human scale.

The star is Paul Hogan, a man with a lean, quizzical, beat-up face, who started out as a rigger on the Sydney Bridge and went on, barely a decade ago, to become Australia's most popular comedian. He made his mark with American audiences in television commercials for the Australian Tourist Commis-sion and in this country with the Fosters' lager series. His stock-in-trade is the mythical Oz character of wily

resourcefulness, naivety, grit, hard-drinking sociability and impatience with pretension. For his feature film debut (he co-authored the script with Ken Shadie and the producer Juhn Cornell) Hogan takes an idea which has served movie comedians since before the time of Will Rogers, his most direct screen antecedent: the impact of the untamed backwoods (or outback) boy on the

The exploits of Crocodile Dundee, a buccaneering crocodile poacher, attract a New York lady reporter. After an eventful excursion into the bush together, the lady sweeps him off to New York. One wilderness is much like another to Dundee: New York on the other hand is shaken up by his friendly habit of saying "G'dye" to every passer-by, or deflating the pomp of grand hotels by hanging out his washing and treating waiters and doormen as if they were people. He copes with pimps, prostitutes, muggers, cokesniffers, the pretentious rich, the resentful poor and all the other perils of New York life. Dundee's character does not



The swagman and the sophisticate: Paul Hogan and Linda Kozlowski in Crocodile Dundee develop in the film: like the befriend cabbies, drunks and into the night: a moment later

people he encounters. This is, of course, in the manner of television series comedy (the background of Hogan and his director, Peter Faiman); but it also conforms to a classic style of film comedy. It is easy to imagine, on the analogy of the great old-time comics, Croco-dile Out West or Crocodile in the Navy.

Crocodile/Hogan's particu-lar appeal is the determined democracy which makes him

people around him he is dowagers and his constant there is a crash and fearful cursing from the bush.

There are other resemblences to the situations and people he encounters. This is as the New Yorker (spunkily played by an attractive new actress, Linda Kozlowski) fol-lows his recommended bush diet of vegetation garnished with bugs, but then sagely opens a can of beans for his

> with a wrist-watch before telling the time from the sun. They think their way", he explains mystically, as a young Aboriginal (David Goupihl) makes bravely off

own tucker. He slyly checks

comedy. The structure is quite shaggy, rambling from incident to incident and clumsily shifting tack midway with the move from Australia to New York, but always held together by the suspense of whether and when Crocodile will get the girl. The film also has the rare merit of building up its comic-romantic finale with speed, attack and a quick

Head-on cultural collision is also the theme of Harem, an elegant, beguiling but inconsequential feature con-jectived and directed by a a first-time French director, Arthur Joffe. It gets swiftly to business as Nastassia Kinski, convincing as a restless young New York professional woman, is drugged and kid-napped on her way to a wedding.

She wakes to find she has been added to the well-stocked desert harem of a suave oil sheik (Ben Kingsley). The harem turns out to be an formed scripts, which Everett unwanted and unused legacy from his forebears — part of Link is not. The establishing the dead-weight of tradition section is long and tiresome; that explains the schizophrenia of this man toru between diously indestructible montwo worlds. The bored harem ster, seems interminable, and ir time between watching soft-core vid-eos, and licensed nights out admire in between. with the local American oil-

men. The sheik and the New Yorker find common ground in a more liberated sort of affection, after which the film has not really anywhere much to go, but wanders off variously into the fey and melodramatic. Designed by the great Alexander Trauner (adapting a weird and wonderful abandoned Moroccan fort

graphed by Pasqualino De Santis, and with some tasteful erotica in the harem pool, the film always provides visual compensations.

Howard ... A New Breed of Hero is also about custure shock: the story of a duck from outer space (if you please) who saves the world by foiling invasion by the Dark Over-lords of the Universe. Based on a comic book character (acknowleged in the original US title Howard the Duck), this represents the lunatic extreme of the special effects

There are a few passable inkes in the first half where Howard - accidentally misdirected from his own planet which is a duck-scale simulacrum of Earth - delivers his caustic commentary on human civilization. But Howard (evidently a small person wearing a plastic head and feathers) is not very appealing. the people around him are strictly two-dimensional; and the duck's coy sex scenes with the leading lady (Lea Thomp-

son) are very uneasy.

The producer-director-writer team of Willard Huyck and Gloria Katz previously scripted American Graffiti and Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. There must have been a terrible moment, many millions of dollars into the production of Howard, when everyone realised it was not going to work either as comedy or thriller, as kid's stuff or

sophisticated fare. Perhaps a spate of animal science fiction is pending. Link is a horror story in which the threatening peril is a homicidal chimpanzee whose intelligence has been developed by a crazed London University anthropologist (Terence Stamp) - the first of his creature's victims.

The director Richard Franklin (who made Psycho II) is evidently a Hitchcock devotee: he sets the action in a Psycho-style mansion, and the chimps are trained by Ray Berwick, who worked on The Birds. (The performance of Link himself may however be due rather to the "special character design consultant Lyle Conway, who was responsible for the Wonder-

land creatures in Dreamchild). The difference is that Hitch-cock always worked with wellthe denouement, with a teere is not much, apart from

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Sioce this production contains the three essentials for a children's show - clear story. spectacular scenes and likeable beroes - the shortcomings a tetchy old grown-up ootices will not do much to

diminish their enjoyment. First the story. Well, it is Bilbo Baggins, the pint-sized Hobbit, shamed into joining 13 dwarves with jaw-crunch ing names in their fight to regain their ancestral territory. The journey is part treasure-hunt, part dragonquest, undertaken by a reluc-tant Siegfried with hairy feet who discovers the thrilling terror of outwitting giant spi ders and crashing the skulls of

He is helped by a benign wizard — and the lofty Dudley Long in his pointed hat along-side four-foot high Dixon make a quaintly attractive

The childreo I consulted did not mind the boring bits, the wordy or incomprehensible explanations. They had no sense of being cheated after the heroes are led away to dungeons and nothing follows but the narrator's comment, don't worry — they escaped." Tedious scenes and narrative cop-outs may even, I suppose, function as opportunities for a young audience to recover from the excitements else-

where.

The first of these is a fight with luminous goblins, kitted out like spikey Siamese dancers, that culminates in the flight of a sword across the darkened stage. The decision to overlay Gollum's voice noon itself spoiled that encounter but momentum picked up again with David Lumsden's excellent Beorn, rough and heavily moving like the bear be changes into.

High spot of the evening is the dragon Smang, scaly and huge, on its nest of treasure. Impressively handled by a puppeteer below its neck, and speaking with the sarcastic George Sanders politeness expected of such beasts, it then comes forward (four other puppeteers controlling its glittering wings) to stretch its neck across the orchestra pit and screech in rage before expiring like a collapsed pterodactyl.

Jeremy Kingston

Complicating a classic

DANCE

The Nutcracker Royal, Plymouth

The Nutcracker could be one of the easiest of the classic ballets to produce, but almost everyooe who tackles it nowadays decides to complicate matters. Peter Schaufuss, in his version, sponsored by Digital and premiered by the London Festival Ballet is no exception.

He has obviously been reading Professor Wiley's writings about Tehaikovsky's ballet music, so the first change he makes is to identify all the characters with members of Tehaikovsky's family, the composer himself becoming Drosselmeyer, the others being drawn mainly from his sister's household.

As an exercise in ingenuity, requiring pages of explication io the cast list and programme notes, it is rather impressive. lo practice, it makes surprisingly little difference to the plot, and there are so many mioor personages huddled around the stage that you hardly ootice, and certainly do oot recognize, them.

The other big change is more ohtrusive. Schaufuss must needs drag in the episodes from Hoffmann's story which were left out of the ballet's original libretto. So we get the barely relevant tale of Priocess Pirlipat, the mice and the hard nut, not once but twice; first as a dumb show performed by ehildren with captions (because otherwise we should have oo idea what it meant), and then in tableaux vivants during an added scene showing little Tanya's delirious illness.

This would not be possible without taking considerable liberties with the music. An extract from the beginning of Act II gets tacked on to Act I, immediately after the overture, to introduce Tchaikovsky and his valet, who becomes the romantic lead.

Two piano pieces from the Children's Album are interpolated in the party to show Drosselmeyer's seositive relationship with niece Tanya (which was never in doubt anyway). For the illness, we get music from the early opera Voynoda, and a funeral march

GLENDA

JACKSON



Youth at the prow: Trinidad Sevillano and Matz Scoog, the young lovers in The Nutcracker

childish joke of making them

pretend to drink from vodka

bottles while dancing. (Simi-

larly, I hope he has second

thoughts about showing

Drosselmeyer smoking all the

from Hamlet. To this last. mice defeated in battle stage a processioo so like Napoleoo's retreat from Moscow that the 1812 Overture might almost be more apt.

All these changes interrupt the coherent and universally popular score which is the ballet's main attraction: what kind of compliment to Tchaikovsky is that?

David Walker's designs for the Christmas Party are acceptably grand, but the transformation to the Land of Snow is a sad let down, like a rejected first draft for Les

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Patineurs, and the second act time: hardly the thing for a presumably takes place in the family show.) Land of Kitsch.

But the rest of the choreog-raphy suggests that Schaufuss Schaufuss, in his first atwould do better to stick, in tempt at original choreogfuture, to the multiple talents raphy, shows some ability, as he has already demonstrated, you would expect, at arranging solos for men. His best inveninstead of claiming one that, tioo is the Russian dance, very apparently, is not his. dooe as a male trio, tremen-One of his gifts is that of dously energetic, although this will be better if he drops the

developing a really strong company. At this first perfor-mance, even the small parts were largely cast from principals and soloists, and there were oo weak links anywhere.

Detailed comment on the performances, with multiple asting, can await the Festival Hall season, but I must mention Trinidad Sevillino and Matz Skoog, ideal young lov-ers, and welcome Christopher even in so nebulous a role as Tchaikovsky/Drosselmeyer.

John Percival

English Concert/ Pinnock Barbican

This event was, if nothing else, a triumph of inverse market-ing Corelli's Christmas Concerto, Vivaldi's Gloria, the Bach cantata containing Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, all performed by some of Britain's most distinguished baroque musicians: how did they manage to keep the audience away? News of the concert obviously crept out to some punters, though. Was there a leak? Was MI5

The fact is that some works dynamics was immaculately are so "popular" that the executed. Only the music's discerning musical public (and one presumes that the English Concert aims to attract the discerning public) actually sbuns them. Vivaldi's formed on average about once — and rightly so.

Prissy, precise

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CONCERTS

every hour in December by school and amateur choirs, is such a work.

ensured a neat scheme of

Moreover, I would rather have beard it sung with ama-teor gusto and pride than in the way it was delivered here precise, prissy and deadpan. Trevor Pinnock's direction

heart and soul were missing. The English Concert and its choir seemed considerably more roused by Bach — the "Visitation" cantata, Herz Gloria, which must be per- und Mund und Tat und Leben

most felicitous instrumental writing, ootably for oboes (of both the d'amore and da caccia ilk), violin, cello and -blaziog festively over the bigger ensembles — trumpet. Not all of these solos were as

It contained some of Bach's

faultlessly delivered as the players would have wished. But at least the general feeling was of spirit and boldness.

There was much pleasant solo singing, too. Carolyn Watkinson, who had seemed to be straying under pitch in the Vivaldi, recovered her usual poise in the alto aria Schame dich.

Lorna Anderson shaped the phrases of Bereite dir. Jesuvery naturally, though her timbre seemed to thin out rather obviously at the top. Alasdair Elliott and Stephen Varcoe seized their brief opportunities with style and

Richard Morrison

Another shimmering first

LPO/Downes Festival Hall

The Royal Philharmonic Society, which revels in its reputation for world premieres, notched up another first on Wednesday night. Delius wrote his single-movement orchestral American Rhapsody while he was in Paris, as part of the gestation process of his later Appalachia, with its choral apotheosis.

A lost eight-bars' worth of manuscript made the earlier work unavailable for performance until Philip Jones, of York University, did some reconstruction work, and presented the London Philharmonie and Edward Do- sense of fresh encounter, which Kennedy never ceases Franco-Atlantic medley

Twelve minntes about long enough for this carousel of tunes from the Big Country, exquisitely orche-

tremolandi and melismatic wind writing. Berlioz-style brass (cornets, trumpets, tenor trombones) and Dixieland rhythms combine to flex the work's muscle: Downes drew outstanding playing from all sections of the orchestra.

Talking of jazz, it was Nigel Kennedy, I suspect, who, through Elgar, provided the audience for Delius and, later, Vaughan Williams.

The award-winning Violin Concerto was put on show again; the "Cathedral" Stradivarius glowed its way through the work's emotional maclstroms; and the impassioned which Kennedy never ceases to bring to the work, was matched by orchestral playing which breathed deep from the

it was Dowoes and Vaughan Williams, though,

strated, variated, and bound who provided the evening's together in a river-mist of substance. It was one of those added sixths, shimmering occasion in which eye and ear gave the same message. The tensioo in Downes's shoulders, hunched over the miniature score, emblemized the smouldering concentration of his reading of the Ninth

Symphony.

Dedicated to the Royal Philharmonic Society, this last symphony was composed just tbree years after Shostakovich's tenth: this performance urged us to an awareness of the composers' strange and subtle kinship.

Downes emphasized the austerity of outline in the outer movements. He drew energy from the striding octaves and augmentations and diminutions of the first, and the tensely lyrical cantilena of the last, and made of the Andante and Scherzo a march and danse macabre of ficrce

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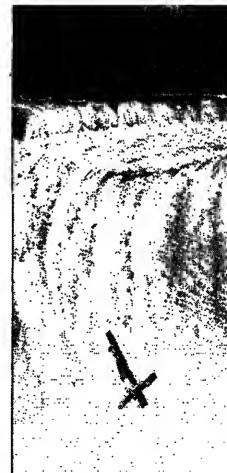
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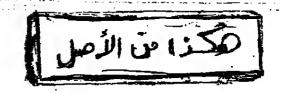
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Sunday afternoon in the Scottish fishtown the granite fishermen's houses the older people relax after lunch. In a layby on the edge of town their sons are preparing to take part in a weekly ritual that will soon shatter the silence of the Sabbath.

There, obscuring a series of No Parking signs are 40 new or almost new sports saloons about £500,000 worth of expensive stereo systems pumping out pop to the surrounding countryside. At a given signal, the first car pulls out onto the road and the others follow nose to tail as the Peterhead young bloods begin "The Circuit" that takes them round the streets of their home town and up to the next port, Fraserburgh, to while away the Sonday "cruising" in true mid-American fashion.

These men, in their late teens, are a working-class phenomenon. They are mainly deckhands working the fishing fleet out of Peterhead and they enjoy a spending power unrivalled by their peers just about any-where in Britain. Conservative estimates put their earnings at £500 a week when the fishing is poor. Usually they pocket more than £1,000 once the money earned from the week's catch is divided between the crew every Friday on Peterhead's fishing quay.

In the past three and a half weeks I have made £8,000," said one 18-year-old deckhand, his hair still bleached from a Mediterranean holiday with his friends. He drives a new Audi sports car and those who know the state of fishing in Peterhead do not doubt that he is telling the truth.

the exposed and windy Eastern from Peterbead, feels the chill of the oil recession, these en are helping to fend off the effects of rising un-employment for their town. It' is rare for Scotland, where little is heard nowadays other than tales of new redundancies and economic decline.

Alistair Buchan, at 22, is a car salesman at the local Ford dealer in Peterhead. He went to school with a lot of the



Fastest fishermen in the west: surrounded by sports cars, the young bloods of Peterhead prepare for "The Circuit" round their home town and to the next port. They have been known to pay cash for a £10,000 model

£10,000 and pay for it in full either with cash or a cheque. Some take a particular model because they like the colour, says Alistair, whose garage, although only in business three years, is already building present size close by.

"Sometimes they smash their new cars up and rather than wait for the repair some have been known to buy another straight away. They have little else to spend their money on and when they are away for days on end, and at home so little, their cash soon

Not that Peterhead flinches hen the fleet hits town on Friday night. Drinking and driving is comparatively rare and some of the youngsters who join "The Circuit" fit it in between as many as three visits to church on Sunday. Half-a-dozen strict religious brethren groups still maintain a hold on their young. Men and women still tend to marry young among the fishing ally finds himself a "quine" fishergirl — and settles down to have children.

Vauxhall and Opels are "flavour of the month" with the young fishermen. Mantas and Astra GTEs constantly older fishermen and the fishermen who are now his trawler skippers seem to prefer customers. "They will come an Audi or a Mercedes. Occain, choose a sports car that sionally a new Jaguar arrives

skipper is known to keep his the past 12 months - more model almost permanently cosseted inside his garage.

furniture trader, recounts tales of orders for hand-made silk sheets from Harrods, £3.000 sitting-room suites and costly. furnishings replaced annually for the sake of it, "Purchases are made on the basis of how much something costs," Gordon says. "One woman rejected a £150 duvet because it was not expensive enough."

on its harbour. Until the 1970s, Aberdeen was synonymous with North fishing. Then, as the Granite City geared itself up to meet the oil boom and with fishermen becoming increas-ingly disenchanted with its unwieldy and restrictive Docks Labour Scheme, the move to Peterhead began.

the field the fisherman usu- crews could quickly unload glide through Peterhead. The to unload where the buyers

than rivals Aberdeen and Ullapool put together.

Ronnie Gordon, a local queues of boats waiting to unload at the quayside filled more than 6,000 eight-stone boxes with fish for the first time ever. Confidence in the future of fishing is helping to ease unemployment in Peterhead, currently around 14 per

he prosperity of the fishing community in Peterhead is based

Peterhead offered a new harbour basin, a non-uniontheir catch for sale in the market, and proximity to the haddock, cod and herring fishing grounds. Fish buyers began to move to Peterhead to take the catches from the boats, and more boats started

It is now the biggest fishing port in Europe, and last week announced that it had landed £63 million-worth of fish in

For the man who lays un-

A few weeks ago the long

Len Stainton, the local fish merchant, has never employed more workers in his fish processing plant. He has 70 on his books, earning around £157 for a 40-hour week filleting fish. Increasingly, he says, unemployed fish workers from Hull, Grimsby and Fleetwood are coming to Peterhead.

"Work is becoming available all the time. We now supply Spain, France, Germany and Belgium as well as Britain. There is little the Japanese could teach us about management involvement. If they need someone to help cut no unions in the fishing trade," he says.

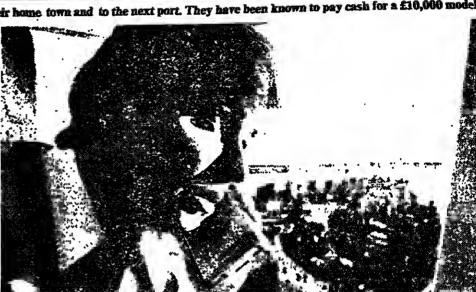
Nobody begradges the high wages paid to the fishermen: When you have waves breaking over the boat, it's bobbing like a cork, it's cold and you have to fish 24 hours at one go, you deserve the money you earn. It's a dangerous job and these are real men," says Walter Milne, master of the

Next March, work begins on an ambitions £18 million harhour expansion pro-gramme. Captain Alex Aukt, the harbourmaster, says that there are 18 new boats on order for the Peterhead fleet, at a cost of about £1 million each."We will be looking for government and EEC grants for our new harbour basin but it has to be said that the banks seem keen to lend us money. They, and I, feel confident about the future," says Cap-

nt the danger signs are there, say some connected with the fishing industry. Captain John D. Buchan, although now 76, still retains shares in fishing boats and is chairman of Britain's largest ice factory at Peterhead.

He, like Stainton and others, is worried about the scarcity of fish in the future. He blames illegal nets used by the Norwegians and the Danes and cod: "Cod has doubled in price in the past year and the fishermen are making more money off fewer fish," says Captain Buchan.

"Unless we have some conservation soon, I'm very pessimistic about the future. The only good thing is that Peterhead will be the best equipped port in Europe to withstand recession. That is one thing to be thankful for".



'Peterhead is now the only place to sell or buy fish?

Among the young men making a large amount of money from the fishing boom is George Forman. At 20 he already runs three separate businesses and from 6am he is on the fishmarket buying fish for firms all over Britain and Europe. He combines this with a fish transporting business and has recently started a processing company. He em-ploys 16 people and is about to take on another three.

Peterhead that is the envy of the young deckhands. He has already written off two 522,000 Porsches and with an insurance premium veering alarmingly towards £2,000 a year he has had to settle for a top of the range BMW. This Christmas he will be taking a

three-week break in Hawaii.
"I can bonestly say that
nothing will spoil the scene

car-owning reputation in the best facilities in Europe and we are expanding all the time. Peterbend is now the only place to come if you want to buy or sell fish. Fish has finally been recognized as a healthy product and sales are

improving.
"We have high prices at the moment but happily there is no sign yet that they will reach a level where people will refuse

sells for about £9,000 or on the streets although one THE **SATURDAY** -Portfolio Gold-£12,000 to be won



Merrily on high

From Canterbury to York, from Alexandra Palace to Trafalgar Square, the singers will dutifully rhyme their evetime songs this Christmas. Tomorrow *The Times* gives a guide to the best carol concerts — plus some shopping ideas, both for those who favour Christmas past and for those who like their presents hi-tech

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disputed claim to the title of Britain's champion pub crawler, Alisdair Aird scarcely looks the part. In the last six years he has supped in more than 2,000 hostelries up and down the land. Yet his lean, athletic frame shows no trace of the true enthusiast's usual beer belly. And at each port of call be arrives, and leaves, as sober as a judge. Scarcely surprising, because a judge of licensed houses is exactly what Next Monday, the Con-

sumers Association's 1987 Good Pub Guide (£8.95) will go on sale. Its 1,200 main entries will have two things in common. Each pub will have been personally visited by the guide's indefatigable editor. And when next visited, each landlord will fail to recognize the man who, like all true undercover investigators. wears his anonymity like a For a quarter of every year

He always arrives, and leaves, as sober as a judge

Aird drives himself the length and breadth of Britain on his mission of discovery, and the pint pot in front of him when we met at The George, a historic pub in Southwark, south London, was a rare

"Usually I go in, order a balf pint of beer, take the top off it and have a surreptitious look around," he says. "When a pub is very busy, particularly in the summer, it's easy to dispose of the rest of the glass. At quiet times, and especially in the north, it's much harder and I have a magnificent list of excuses."Describing his tastes as "catholic", Aird likes a drop of almost anything providing it is well kept. "I am particularly fond of malt

whisky," he says. Aird first had the idea of

Alisdair Aird has a drink at 2,000 pubs a year - and

all in a good cause

'I hate pubs that are just too local?

Holiday Which? magazine, but only in 1979, when he had left to become a freelance researcher, did he begin to put his ambition into effect.

Touring the country at ran-dom, he took three years to compile enough material for his first guide, published four years ago. Even then selection was, he admits, sometimes rather arbitrary. "If a pub car park was crowded I used to pop inside, and if it wasn't I would drive straight past," he

Now, however, his judgement is assisted by a huge army of amateur sleuths who correspond with him regu-larly. "As I can't hope to get round to every pub in the guide every year, I can be fairly certain that one of my informants will tip me off if, say, there is a change of management or a pronounced drop in standard." His pet hates? "I don't like

fuzzy, intrusive piped music. I don't like lighting designed to reach only down to table-top level - I see no reason why a pub floor should not be at least as clean as the pavement outside. I don't like pubs producing a guide to good which leave dirty glasses on pubs while he was working for the table and which have the Consumer Association's excessive noise behind the bar



from cooling equipment and

I don't like pubs where you are expected to have something to eat and which treat you like second class citizens if you don't and, particularly for my book, I don't like pubs which are really locals to the uncomfortable exclusion of strangers - Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire tend to be particularly hostile in that And the itinerant British

> Informants tip him off if standards drop

pub lover's happiest hunting ground? "Definitely Yorkshire," he says, without a hiot of diplomatic hesitation. So will Aird put down his critic's pen one day and practise the kind of mine host excellence he applauds in others? "Certainly not," he declares. "For ooe thing the working hours are ridiculous.

awful lot of perfectly borrible customers whom I couldn't stand for a minute." William Greaves

and for another, there are an

A song of squalor

A gypsy violinist, as the tourist brochures claim, is a delightful part of dining out in Hungary. But few diners, hilled by the sound of the cymbalom, realize that they are listening to a repre-sentative of Europe's poorest ethnic minurity. The dark-skinned virtuoso

at the far end of the Budapest restaurant represents only a small privileged percentage of Hungary's 400,000 gypsics, most of whom live in appalling In some narrow side streets

off Budapest's Rakocszi Square, the shop windows are filled with hand-made string instruments. These are the tools of existence of the wealthier gypsies and on a calm Monday evening, almost every flat reverberates to the sound of five-year-olds tortu-ously practising their scales. The musicians are tradition-

ally the aristocrats of the gypsy community. A few closely related families produce generation after genera-tion of cymbalom players, violinists and bass players. All Budapest's luxury restaurants are in the hands of these families, who live in cramped houses with crambling facades around Rakocszi Square.

The square is an eccentric red light district where discreet prostitution occurs after dark. Propping up the bars are dark Romany beauties, seldom seen by the businesssmen from the West who are encouraged to court the seductive Magyar girls around the expensive hotels along the Danube.

Although the Rakocszi Square dwellings have not been restored or modernized for decades, they are considered luxurious by the gypsies from the country. In the towns and villages of eastern Hun-

For the poorest ethnic minority in Europe, music is

the only escape from daily misery lacking even the most ele-

mentary plumbing.
It is the shocking hor conditions of the poor majority which most concerns those Hungarians who believe that the state should treat the gypsies more fairly. Social workers estimate that 350,000 live in these conditions and Magyars have nicknamed the eastern region around Debre-

The Hungarians regard gypsies with loathing and distrust. Although there are

cen, where most gypsies live, "Hangary's Sicily".

ities in Hungary which have official recognition from Budapest, gypsies enjoy no such status. In schools, gypsy children are often lumped together with mentally handicapped children. Predictably, few are

able to better themselves. Caught between the indif-ference of their better-off brothers and the distrust of the authorities, they are trapped in an existence which can only lead to bitter resentment. While so little of the country's wealth is channelled into improving their education and living conditions, the crime rate among gypsies will con-tinue to rise and Hangary will have both the poorest and the wealthiest inhabitants in eastern Europe.

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A generation born to die?

The heartbreak of Aids is bad enough for adults, but a new generation is coming into the world under

its shadow, says **Thomson Prentice**

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McConville. His entrance into the world last February was overshadowed by danger to himself, to his mother, and to the medical staff who delivered him. An bour before his hirth in a Scottish hospital isolation room, maternity ward nurses began slipping on protective gloves, masks and aprons. "They didn't tell me exactly why those precautions were necessary", his mother says. "But I knew. I was heartbroken for my baby even before he was born.

Jamie is a child of the Aids generation. He was infected in the womb hy the human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV) that his mother was carrying, and there is a substantial risk that he may soon

cootract the disease.

Now, at 10 mooths, he is a healthy, happy infant, showing no symptoms. But knowledge of Aids is, like understanding of the disease, also still in its infancy. For the rest of his life, Jamie will have to be regularly monitored by specialists. So too will at least 30 other Britisb babies and their mothers who are similarly infected. Two iofants have already developed the disease. Almost all the cases so far have involved mothers who were heroin addicts and who, like Jamie's

mother, became carriers as a result

of sharing contaminated needles

with other drug abusers. Fifteen

women have contracted Aids m Britain, and seven have died. As Aids infectioo spreads, growing oumbers of women who do not abuse drugs are at risk from sexual transmission of HIV. For them as much as for the addicts, the risks associated with pregnancy and

motherhood are truly dreadful. "No mother oo earth wants to lose ber baby, but losing Jamie to

hen they beard that their son, Peter, was an Aids virus carrier, his parents felt au-"We didn't think it was our turn for another problem. But now we just want to let people know the positive things we feel about it", says Norman, his

tems manager. Eighteen months ago Peter, a haemophiliac, developed antibodies to the virus after receiving contaminated blood-clotting agent. He was then nine, and it was the first case of its kind in Britain. "But we are levelbeaded, and baemophiliacs and their families are used to dealing

with problems", says Norman. To the family's disappointment, the local haemophilia centre did not know what to do. "They didn't seem surprised that it had happened, but said that there was nothing to worry about", says Peter's mother, Doreen. Aids is not o notifiable disease. but because of the risks ofblood spillage the parents decided to inform Peter's primary school: "We



Lorraine McConville and Jamie, happiness under a cloud: "I was heartbroken even before he was born"

Aids is the worst prospect imaginable", Lorraine McConville "Every morning when I wake I pick bim up in my arms and search for any sign that he is unwell. Every night I go to sleep praying that he will be spared.

"At the back of my mind there is the knowledge that I could develop Aids myself. I'm trying to come to terms with that, but my real worry is the baby. What would happen to him if I should die?"

The Secretary of State for Social Services shares all her anxieties.
"The birth of babies infected with Aids is perhaps the most tragic consequence of the spread of this

povcotted the school - and a quarter

of the papils were kept away. "I

thought they were going to come and danh our house with a red cross,"

says Doreen. The couple were particularly worried that the distur-

bance would escalate and that Peter

would be taken away from school.

Being haemophiliac, he can't ever

do manual labour. He desperately

needs his education", Norman

However, after two public meet-ings and a talk at the school by an

Aids expert, the outcry died down. Classes were back to normal after

shows what we are np against. It underlines the need for women, as well as men, to take every precaution."

Dr Jacqueline Mok, a consultant paediatrician in Edinburgh, is closely involved in the care of 25 babies, including Jamie, who are carriers of the virus. "If we believe the evidence from international research, the outlook is grim", she says. "American researchers calculate that 50 per cent of such infants will die within a year of birth, and that 80 per cent are dead by the age of three

About 300 babies in America have so far contracted Aids. Dr Mok

How one family is coping

felt the school eased a lot of the pressure during the trouble, install-ing a special assistant to allay

parents' fears and keep a watch on

Norman's complaint is that, de-spite an impression to the contrary, there is no comselling and back-up system available to families of

carriers. "It just doesn't exist. We

haven't been offered anything unless

we have gone out of our way to ask for it." "In a way, it was fortunate

that the problem happened to us".

Doreen adds. "Peter was young, so it was not the emotional shock it would

have been for somebody older. And because of his haemophilia, he has

always had to face up to the problem of being different. It could have

too many unknown factors ininfection is."

A scientific study of Aids-infected infants in Europe is being planned, with Dr Mok a leading participant in a group of experts. Britain will coordinate the study, which will involve babies from West Germany, the Netherlands, Italy and France. The French Society of Perinatal Medicine has already

family." Both parents have been

tested for Aids and been found

antibody negative. It is reassuring to

contact with someone without being

contaminated. As far as Peter is

concerped, he is bored with all the

little effect on their day-to-day lives. They still kiss and caddle him, and

simply observe normal hygiene precautions. "We keep an eye on

any health problems - but you

would do that with any child. We are

mindful of blood spillage and take extra care when injecting him, to avoid jabbing ourselves," Doreen explains. The only time she was

scared was when Peter developed

what she thought were the first signs of the virus — swollen glands. It

They have yet to face the greatest

turned out to be mumps

Their son's predicament has had

volved in the development of Aids in babies to assess the risks accurately. "There are many questions that need to he answered. We are following op all the children because we have no idea what the exact rate of transmission of the

warned that Aids could be the most

Monitoring the mothers is equally important. For them — and any other woman who becomes a carrier of the Aids virus - the usually

develop antibodies of his own. If so, it will mean he is more at risk pleasurable prospects of sex, preg-nancy and childbirth are life-long hazards. Sex is dangerous because of the risk of transmitting the infection through vaginal fluids to the male

ll infected women are

commoo infectious disease among

Like Jamie, the babies may

appear to be perfectly healthy.

Clinical illness is, bowever, usually

apparent in the first six mooths.

Failure to thrive, recurrent fevers,

respiratory disease and persistent

infections are the most ominous signs. "Every time he gets a little cold I start to fear the worst", Mrs

McConville says at her home in Dunfermline, Fife, where she cares

for Jamie and his two older,

Tests on Jamie have shown

decline in the HIV antibodies that

be acquired from his mother. The

critical question is whether he will

unaffected, brothers.

new-born children next year.

warned not to have intercouse unless the man uses a condom. Pregnancy is dangerous because it lowers the maternal immunological system, causing in-creased susceptibility to some infectioos, and may trigger the onset of an Aids-related condition. One of the 25 Edinburgh women

who gave birth to infected babies did so despite medical advice that she should have an abortion. Two others subsequently became preg-nant again. Both were strongly advised to have abortions, and did so. Childbirth is dangerous because it poses additional risks to mother and child of HIV infection, and means that maternity staff must

observe safeguards.

Lorraine McConville somehow keeps the nightmares at bay, husy-ing herself with the daily routine of caring for Jamie and ber two other sons."I know that I can never have another child, even if I wanted to", she says. "That's a small price to pay for my stupidity in getting involved in drugs.

"What I can never come to terms with is the borrible start to life that I gave my baby. The guilt never leaves me. All I can do is bope against the odds that Jamie will stay

problems. They are worried, for instance, about his next school. "Parents will be involved who haven't been before. But we have gone through the battle for his education, and that has laid the cornerstone for the next struggle". Norman says. "Then there is the problem of girls," Doreeu says. "I up on my doorstep when Peter gets to the stage of trying to kiss girls. And what will happen when he wants to marry and have children? All we can do is give him the information and support and ensure

that he is honest." Always in their mindsis the ossibility that Peter might develop the full-blown Aids syndrome. "It makes me sick when people bang on about divine retribution, hom uals and promiscuity", Doreen says "I think - what about a 10-year-old haemophiliac? If he develops the syndrome, we'll cope. You can't just crumble into a heap."

Caroline Phillips Times Newspepers Ltd 1988

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Whistle and puff

A cardboard whistle being evaluated in the Paediatric Department at the University of Sheffield may prove as important an advance in medicine as pieces of hi-tech machinery costing bundreds of thousands of times as much. One of the factors which has been found responsible for death from asthma is the difficulty of measuring the loss of lung function during an attack; experience shows that patients and their general practitioners find it difficult to estimate just how severe the

Despite the production of portable peak flow meters, a simple device for measuring lung function, a clinical assessment is usually the only test to which the patient is submitted. Delay in seeking specialist advice, following ailure to recognise the ss of an attack of esthma, is a frequent cause of catastrophe.

Parents who have struggled

with a peak flow meter and found it difficult to persuade their child to blow into it report that blowing down a whistle can be quite fun instead, and that a patient soon learns to master it.

The particular whistle, manufactured by Alternate Resources Ltd, is a cylinder which has a comber of holes along it with a mouth piece at one end and a whistle at the other. The amount of puff needed to blow the whistle is proportional to the number of holes open; the more holes open, the harder the child will have to blow to make a noise. The device has been graduated by comparing its readings with those obtained when using a Wright peak flow meter. It has the additional advantage that the whistle will sound if the

child sucks rather than blows. A report in the British Medical Journal about the work in Sheffield suggests that the peak flow whistle is cheap and effective and that its low cost, less than a seventh of that of o conventienal peak flow meter, should greatly extend the number of parents who monitor their children's asthma attacks.

Pressure on meat eaters

Vegetarians have always insisted that if the rest of the community would follow their diet they would be healthier in general and their blood pressure in particular would be reduced. Casual observation of the red-faced, jolly butcher would seem to confirm their view, but until recently there has been no large-scale, carefully monitored trial. Now the British Medical Journal reports the results of a randomized cross-over trial carried out in Western Australia where 58 people between the ages of 30 and 64, who were mildly hypertensive, were switched to an eggs and vegetarian diet. Their systolic blood pressure fell by an average of 5mm. Although this improvement seems very marginal, statisticians estimate that such a fall would reduce the coronary heart rate by seven per cent.

The general public, however, would be unlikely to feel that the loss of meat from their diet made this worthwhile; indeed, most of the Australians who gave up their steaks during the clinical trial could not wait to return to an omnivorous diet.

Risky vision



from bowling for the pig to visit the St John's Ambulance Brigade tent, where arrangements had been made to test fairgoers for diabetes. Of the 237 people who took the opportunity, 10 were found to need further

Their afternoon may have been spoilt, but the early diagnosis which resulted may later save their sight. Eight per cent of diabetics who have and the disease for 20 years have eye complications, and two out of every 100 diabetics go blind. Yet blindness could be greatly reduced if patients attended ophthalmologists (eye specialists) regularly, the British Diabetic Association estimates that seven out of ten of the diabetics who lose their sight could have had it saved if treatment had been carried out n time. They recommend that diabetics' eyes should be checked by an ophthalmolo-

gist annually.

A recent report in the British Journal of Ophthal-

mology supports their view; in one survey half the insulin-dependent diabetics investigated had not regularly visited an ophthalmologist; when they did, 28 per cent already had disease of the retina of the eye, and 20 per cent needed urgent

Bowled out



merely torn his intercostal muscles. A pain very similar to this is often due to nerve root imitation, the result of a prolepsed intervertebral disc it is a common injury of bowlers and seemed likely when Botham told an interviewer that climbing up and down stairs was proving difficult, a symptom all too familiar to those who have suffered with their back.

Even if this had been lan Botham's trouble, the prognosis would not be very different; 80-90 per cent of nationts with acute backeche are free of symptoms within two weeks.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

three weeks. Indeed, Dorcen and Norman were impressed with the support they received. "The only time I got really depressed was when As a small child in London

and Bath, Elspeth Howe spent ber pocket money on Woolworth's "amazingly cheap" Mars bars and recalls the oowlegendary store as a shining light in the high street, a kind of youngster's Aladdin's Cave. Almost haif a century on, she still shops at Woolworth;

only now the once-magical emporium has entered the world of high technology. complete with wire baskets, central tills and assistants who are not always entirely aware of what they stock or where it is - though that final observatioo is not Lady Howe's but my own, following o fruitiess search around the Wimbledon braoch for sticky coloured marking dots.

"You know, the kind they sell at Woolworth", was how my removal man described them. Not any more. Or if they do they were well hidden behind the infuriating "if-it's-not-on-the-shelf-we-haven tgot-it" syndrome that has heralded the high street revolution.

In the wake of the new wave mass marketing - self-service stores that come in the form of warebouses rather than shops, with fairground-type lighting and piped music to lull shoppers into a false sense of prosperity - Woolworth is doffing its traditional cloth cap to the demands of commercial progress. In the words of one of its executives, the chain of 811 British stores is "coocentrating on doing things we are good at and stopping being everything to

everyone. As part of its dynamic oew six-point strategy (kids, confectionary, entertainment, home and garden, kitcheo goods and bags, bangles and beads) the Woolworth group, which turns over £1.8 billion annually, bas employed Lady Howe as a £12,500 a year nonexecutive director to bring her "particular knowledge of

community and public affairs" to its boardroom. The management also feels that since 70 per cent of its

Howe to alter an image

Woolworth is going back to what it does best, aided by a Lady with fond memories from childhood



Lady Howe: at home in Woolies

50,000 employees are women. as well as the vast majority of its customers, it could use the benefit of her feminine wisdown. "There is a feeling that that side of the human race should be represented at decision-making level", says Lady Howe of her appointmeot. For Lady Howe herself, 54-year-old wife of Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey, it is but one more challenge in a lifetime of eoergetic public work ranging from the juvenile courts to the council of NACRO to setting up the Equal Opportunities Commis-

She feels qualified for her new role - both as committed

shopper and consumer representative. She has already reconnoitred a Comet show room and a B & Q do-ityourself superstore, both now owned by Woolworth. She was impressed by the way the goods were displayed and the

wanted them to take precautions in our dentist refused to continue treating any of us", Doreen says. "But Peter's friends went out of their way to play with him and invite

helpful staff. "I like the modern methods of shopping", she says. "In the past, perhaps assistants were a bit over-enthusiastic in their efforts to persuade yoo to buy. You can go on living in the past if it's profitable but you owe it to your employees and shareholders to make sure that you are in the business of providing what people want to buy." Even so, she admits that she misses the era of the

She has yet to decide which areas she will tackle, although she expects that she will be keeping an eye on "things such as the role of women in the organization and the role of he company io

community. On criticism that sales staff do oot know what they are selling, she says: "That I regard as bad management I've been pretty impressed by the staff training that now goes on. Apart from anything else, if you don't feel part of the store, yoo're going to do a much less good job."

She believes in family shopping, although she has little opportunity to shop with her own family. Her daughter Caroline, 31, married with a small child, teaches singing and her 27-year-old twins Amanda and Alexander are respectively, a lawyer and CND press officer.

Shops that tend to cater exclusively for men or women are missing half the market" says Lady Howe. "And I'm a very keep supporter of Sunday opening because I believe that increasingly families look on a shopping trip as an enjoyable occasion as well as something they need to do.'

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TALKBACK

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I read Vivien Tomlinson' All The Fury Of The Fayre' (Wednesday Page, November 26th) with keen interest, but her view of the Christi Fayre is quite, quite different from my own. I work for a large company and at the moment we're trying to raise money to buy o guide dog for the blind. One of the fundraising events is a bring-andbuy sale, and everyone who has been involved with it has been staggered by the response from contrib

What is normally just a nably friendly body of people, who can be relied apon to contribute to good frenzied army of jam makers. dried flower arrangers, bird-feeder whittlers, tombols spinners, record stall runners. Christmas card designers, baby clothes manufacturers and pickled onion bottlers.

Hitherto hidden talents are revealing themselves at an alarming rate — the office mouse has metamorphosize into a pastry cook of patisperie standards, 'the lads' are rightly proud of their Christmas gift tags and the knitted badges, crafted and donated team should sell like hot cakes - talking of which, the cake stall will be groun under the strain of pledge chocolate chip cookiers, alnond butter crunch, Mrs Richmond's apple pies and

Forest Gate gateaux (sic). What is it that makes people suddenly throw them-selves wholeheartedly into such events? I think it may be a combination of things — the 'good cause' itself, a return to o Blue Peter mentality, Val-erie Singleton's washing up liquid bottles, a chance to show off in areas other than career. It's o feeling of team

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After you, Hugh

Hugh Montefiore, the fiery Bishop of Birmingham who retires in March, is tipped to be succeeded by an equally controversial member of the cloth: inner city lobbyist James Thompson. It seems Someone Up There has taken pity on Thrompson, who as Bishno ni Stepney has laboured under the unsympathetic regime of Graham Leonard, the traditionalist Bishop of London with whom he has recently_disagreed over women priests. The Birmingham vacancy committee, when it meets to make recommendations to the Crown Appointments Committee, will doubtless be aware that Thompson was chaplain of Cuddesdon Theological College at the time Robert Runcie was principal. Dog-collared cynics observe it would not be the first time an old friend of the Archbishop has won preferment. Indeed, it is said, the new bisbnps of Oxford, Lichfield and Exeter are all members of Canterbury's charmed circle.

· Still on the church; yesterday's Radio Four Daily Service includes a prayer for "the victims of insidious secrecy and for those whose trust has been betrayed by their partner in trade and their partner in work." Who could they possibly mean?

Horning in

Lynda Chalker's recent talks with President Museveni in Uganda were abruptly interrupted when a somewhat confused hippopota--mus attempted in gatecrash. For-'eign Office officials said yesterday the minister was discussing IMF suggestions for the Ugandan econnmy when there was a loud crash and the sound of splintering glass. Mrs Chalker was shaken, not least because in the dark - the incident happened at 10 pm — the possibility if a terrorist attack could not be ruled out. Minutes passed before the intruder was identified.

"Late score

"Edward Heath may not be nn the podium but nevertheless has a role in the performance of Sir William -Waltnn's Battle of Britain suite at Monday's memorial service for Richard Dimbleby at Westminster Abbey. Lady Walton tells me from ther home in Italy that Sir William was distraught when he discov-ered that United Artists had decided to use only a few seconds of his score for the 1960s film, The Battle of Britain. Hearing of Walton's concern that UA had not returned the manuscript, Heath, then prime minister, personally intervened to retrieve it. It was presented to Walton on his 70th birthday as a surprise present.



Distanced

The effects of Count Nikolai Inlstoy's book The Minister and the Massacres - in which he accuses Harold Macmillan of sending 40,000 Cossacks and White Russians back in Stalin are still being felt at Winchester College. Headmaster James Sabben-Clare has just suppressed a review of the book in the school magazine by history master Mark Stephenson. Could the problem have been the unsympathetic light cast on Lord Aldington, then a brigadier, now Warden of Winchester College? Certainly not, Sabben-Clare told me yesterday; The Wykehamist was a forum for school matters and for boys in vnice their opinions. "What somenne did 40 years ago, entirely unconnected with the school, is : urrelevant.

I am told several Labour MPs are boasting that they have bought British Gas shares: all profits to the party, of course.

Take your pick

The Solomonic justice of His Honour Judge Peter Greenwood presiding at Chelmsford Crown Court: after complaints from the jury, he banned reporters from entering or leaving except between witnesses. Aghast that it would prevent them meeting deadlines. they appealed to him in change his mind. Judge Greenwood obliged. But only on condition that they bought books of raffle tickets for one of his favourite charities, the Cherry Tree Sports Football Club.

Taking a stance

One anti-apartheid sympathizer is not boycotting Bijer's Sunbird at the Lyric, Hammersmith (PHS vesterday). Sean Taylor shares the irupeccable liberal credentials of his step-brother, Dr Frederick van Zvl Slabbert, former leader of South Africa's Progressive Federal Party. Taylor is not only in the play - he's the lead actor.

Nimrod: best on all counts

by Cecil Parkinson

None of us in Parliament can be the most advanced countries in the world.

happy with the long-running saga of the choice of Britain's airborne

early warning system. Many

thought the matter was settled

once and for all in 1977 when the

Ministry of Defence announced

that it had opted for Nimrod, a

British Aerospace aircraft eq-

It is difficult to discover exactly

what has happened since then, and

the version one hears depends on

the person one is talking to. What

is clear is that the system is later

than it should have been and more

expensive than the original es-

timate. These two facts should not

obscure two even more important

facts: Nimrod has still been devel-

oped in five years less than it took

the Americans to develop Awacs

and that the Americans have spent

more than twice as much on

developing their system as we

have on ours. Far from being an

example of Britain's inability to produce a highly technical product

within an acceptable time, and at

an acceptable price, it is evidence

that British technologists can, and

have, outperformed the technologists of the United States - nne of

The London borough of Brent

represents the convergence of three of the most potent issues on

the domestic agenda: education, race and local government poli-

tics. Each on its own would

guarantee the constant attention of MPs and the media: together,

they ensure an almost fevered

That may be uncomfortable for Brent, but it is also most instruc-

tive for the nation. For if you want

to see the future, take a trip along

the North Circular Road. Known locally as the Berlin Wall, it divides the largely white and middle-class north of the borough

from the largely black and work-

divide which exists quite as acutely, and shamefully, but much less noticeably, everywhere else in Britain. The schools in the north of the borough obtain 75 per cent

more O-level passes per pupil than

Three years ago, in an attempt to explain that discrepancy, the

council (then, as now, under Labour control) set up an indepen-dent inquiry under the chairman-ship of Miss Jocelyn Barrow, who

is black and a governor of the BBC. It eventually produced a

mammnth report which was al-

most instantly buried in the kind

of recrimination that had sur-

rounded the inquiry from the

start: it was boycotted by teachers,

banned from schools, and much

valuable research was mysteri-

The report's principal conclu-

sion was bizarre and went a long

way towards explaining the

teachers' attitude to the inquiry. It

said that the entire education

system in Brent was "permeated with racism". And that meant

istrators and teachers. All were

lumped together as "either out-

right racists, patronising, biased,

ethnocentric or simply and some-

what naïvely ignorant of the racist

As evidence, the inquiry relied largely on the views of black

parents. Most seemed to think

that their children were not doing

well because their teachers were

One parent was quoted as

saying: "There was a certain sort

of strategy in what they were

doing, believe me. I mean, a simple little thing like a drawing,

they'd give him a merit mark for.

But if he did a piece of com-

position that was two pages full, you bet the next day he'd be in

detenting. He'd be punished for

trying. He was being kept to a level

goes in the very heart of the issue. For the simple fact is that black

children in Brent, who comprise

60 per cent of the total, are doing

worse in school than white chil-

dren - and black parents want to

The trouble is that, unlike white

parents, who have had at least a

hundred years in get used to the

idea, black parents are unaccount-

ably reluctant to accept that their

That may be paranoid, but it

they wanted him to."

know why.

deliberately hulding them back.

context in which they work".

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It also represents an educational

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uipped with GEC technology.

The second misapprehension about Nimrod is that it does not and will not work. Fortunately George Younger, the Defence Secretary, has openly acknowledged that Nimrod does work. The technical problems which remain to be solved are relatively minor, and the solutions to most of them already known.

Nimrod will be at least as good as Awacs and some people believe it will be better. Whatever the rights and wrongs about the past, the RAF now has a choice of two systems, both of which work. The choice that the Cabinet will have to make should therefore be based on cost and delivery. Here Nimrod has an indisputable advantage. The II aircraft can be delivered to the RAF, meeting the RAF's full specifications, at a cost of £500 million more than has been spent in date. It is hard to get at the exact cost of the American system but most people regard a figure of £1,000 million as being the likely price. So Nimrod can become available to the RAF for

£500m less than it would cost to switch to Awacs. The opponents of Nimrod

counter this by arguing that, over the 20-year life span of the system, Awacs will be cheaper. This assertion is strongly disputed and is in fact so theoretical as to be unprovable. What is beyond dispute is that Nimrod will cost several hundred million pounds less initially and will need far fewer people to operate it. Other opponents of Nimrod argue that there is no certainty that the aircraft can be delivered within the specified time. GEC can point to the fact that since it took over full responsibility for the contract on March 3 this year it has consistently beaten the deadlines and has produced better performance than promised. It also accepts that the contract will have to be at a fixed price with substantial financial penalties for non-performance. It is totally confident that it can do the job within the fixed price and that it

will not incur penalties.
Nimrod would have enormous export potential for Britain. Sixteen countries have already ex-

pressed strong interest. Both Lockheed and Aeritalia have exressed their confidence in the GEC system and have underlined that confidence by investing substantial sums of their own money in furthering co-operative

Estimated export sales could be worth £2.5 billion. This will be lost unless Nimrod goes ahead. Many jobs in Britain depend on the Nimrod project but the prime consideration must be the defence of the country. If the system did not work then, regardless of the number of jobs involved, defence considerations would come first. But the system does work. It will save substantial sums in future defence budgets and will show the world that, in a shorter time and at less cost than its rivals, Britain can produce products which involve the most advanced technology. It would be an unnecessary blow to the morale, hard work and jobs

of thousands of people to npt at this stage for the rival system. For defence and economic reasons, the choice must be Nimrod.

The author is Conservative MP for

shows that a left-wing authority need not be synonymous with second-rate education

As the Brent row rumbles on, John Clare

What black parents really want



Jocelyn Barrow: 'entire system

educational system is simply a consequence of their class. So in a society that many believe they have good reason to regard as racist, they look for another reason. And as they look they natice something else that is happening in their children in school. Not only do they seem to be invariably relegated to the CSE rather than the O-level stream, but nnce there are nffered ersatz courses, with titles their parents have never previously encountered, which are designed, or so the teachers assure them, to equip young people for a life nf unemployment".

In other words, "drawing" instead of "composition". Who can wonder if some parents come to their own (paranoid) conclusions?

However, that is emphatically not the analysis of the Brent report. On the contrary, it argues that black children do badly in school because the traditional curriculum, with its emphasis on acquiring knowledge and passing exams, is "culturally foreign" to them — part, indeed, of that inchoate and all-pervasive racism.

Accordingly, it recommends yet mnre "alternative pathways", the very courses that black parents reject. The report nates stiffly:



Maureen McGoldrick: target of of a 'loony left' campaign

lum we have advocated have a problem in securing public recog-nition comparable to that accorded to external examinations

Later on it cautiously changes tack: "We are not criticising the aims or indeed the methods of 'child-centred education' but we are saying that its outcomes are very different from its intentions. It has alienated the very social groups it was supposedly designed to give a voice to. It must be fundamentally rethought and recast in terms that make sense to the marginalized child and his/her parents and continue rather than

interrupt their culture." But what are black parents (or indeed anyone else) to make of all that? Nnt surprisingly, the only impression the report left was to confirm a widespread but mindless conviction that racism explained everything.

Unhappily, it is an impression the council has done nothing to dispel. The result is that the "loony left" label sticks because an obsession with racism seems to loom over everything Brent does. The persecution, if that is what it is, of Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the headteacher of Sudbury Infants School, is a case in point. Even if, as has been alleged and resolutely denied, she did tell a not want any more black teachers, Brent would have been excorated

quite as left-wing and responsible for educating more black children than any other, has not only been down this tortured road but come back with a convincing answer.

After years of complaining about racism (and sexism), the

inner London Education Anth-ority finally started listening to what black parents were saying. They said they were fed np with "initiatives" on race and they did not want to know about new-fangled subjects. They wanted their children to pass examinathey would have the qualifications they needed to find jobs.

In short, they demanded the three Rs, and they wanted them taught properly, just as they are in the voluntary Saturday schools in which thousands of black parents have been sending their children

for years.

The ILEA, to its credit, did a U-turn. Now the talk is all of quality

Furthermore, good schools are to be measured by their pupils success in public exams, properly weighted to take account of the nature of their make.

not performing as well as they should.

The chief inspector of the ILEA. and a powerful influcence on its thinking, is Dr David Hargreaves. a widely respected academic. He tells a poignant and illustrative

"Recently, and by coincidence," he says, "I had separate conversations with a member (of the authority), an inspector and an ILEA head on the same theme. All four of us had one common element in our histories; we were working-class and attended grammar or direct grant schools. Our parents had limited formal education and no special ambitions for us. Our schools, however, set high expectations for us and pressured us to work hard, raising our aspirations so that we found our way to university. Would our educational histories have been the same, we wondered, had we attended an ILEA comprehensive

school of today?"
Dr Hargreaves does not say what the answers were: it is enough that the question was

the same painful lesson? The author is Education Correspondent of The Times.

council official that her school did

for disciplining her.

The irony of all this is that another anthority in London,

tions in traditional subjects so that

rather than equality: the message is that the latter can only grow out of the former. Good schools, the authority says, are well ordered places where the teachers have nigh expectations of their pupils and everybody works hard.

So, unlike Brent, the ILEA is not in the process of appointing a small army of "race relations advisers" to seek out evidence of racist practices. Instead, it is recruiting senior teachers to be identified - on the basis of their weighted examination results - as

Is it too late for Brent to learn

hopeless operation. It is rather as if Henry Ford had attempted to rescue the Edsel car by changing the design of the cigarette lighter and nffering deferred terms. The

same old central defect remains: either Britain, under a Labour government, will continue to depend ultimately on American nuclear weapons for its defence (in which case it is crazy to kick the Americans out even after consultations) or it will not so depend (in which case Labour is not nffering a credible alternative defence of the country). There are only two ways to

escape this dilemma. The first is so disreputable that not even Mr Kinnock quite dares in spell it out explicitly, though the new paper comes close to it from time to time. That is to adopt the "freerider" position: whatever we do, the Americans will continue in defend us, with nuclear weapons in the last resort, because it is in their nwn namnal interest in do so. The second escape route is in pretend that nuclear weapons are no longer relevant at all to the defence of Europe; conventinual weapons will do all that is necessary. It is Kinnock's misfortune that a wholehearted rush to either of these exits is impos-

remodel its defence policy is a

The free-rider solution fails on four counts: (a) it has been made painfully clear on many occasions, the most recent being Kinnock's mur of the US, that we cannot be absolutely sure these days that emntinn will not cause the Americans to act against their best interest (and, of course, ours) by withdrawing credible protection from Europe if they are sufficiently provoked; (b) the British public are unlikely to warm to the idea of sponging on the Americans, (c) if we wash nur hands completely of American nuclear strategy we obviously lose all influence over it; (d) it has the tactical drawback, as Kinnock is now going in discover, that the strong pacifist/CND sentiment in his party is offended by any admissinn that American nuclear missiles have any role whatever in keeping the Russians at bay - they want what Kinnock offered them at this year's party conference, namely a completely non-nuclear Nam, nnt simply a Nato whose non-American members are conscinusly sheltering under a single

American nuclear umbrella. This last point accounts for the extraordinarily lame phraseology nf several key passages in the new Labour document, notably the statement near the very end that "we accept that both the US and the Soviet Union will want" (not "need", you notice) "to maintain a minimum second strike capability as long as the other does". The necessity for nuclear deterrents is thus grudgingly acknowledged for the sake of the commonsensical voter but it is quarantined, as it were, from Europe by the implication that it is a matter nnly for the silly old superpowers and has nothing to do with us. The central Nato idea of an American nuclear "guarantee" cannot be so quietly

and painlessly glossed over. That brings us naturally to the

let off the hook? nuclear-free Europe. This has more plausibility than free-riding The Labour Party's attempt to because it chimes in with some trends in the real world. It is actually true that the strain on British defence expenditure will soon cause a real clash of priorities; it is true that some Nato couotries already refuse to have American nuclear weapons on their soil; it is even true that some Americans as well as Europeans are worried about Nato's reliance on nuclear weapons to repei conventional attack and that at Reykjavik President Reagan incontinently offered to give away the European political capital invested so heavily in the deplnyment of American cruise and

David Watt

Can Kinnock be

Pershing missiles. Cynical old Denis Healey knows enough in make these fragments of intellectual respectability stretch some way over his nakedness, but they do not cover the most significant parts. The issue still comes down to the question of whether the British voters will really believe that Nato can defend itself withnut nuclear weapons in Europe if the Russians continue tn possess them, or even, indeed, if they don't. It is one thing in hape for 50 per cent negatiated cuts in intermediaterange missiles such as cruise and Soviet SS20s but quite another to endorse unilateral nuclear disarmament or to accept that large and expensive increases in conventional arms are an adequate or desirable substitute for the relatively cheap nuclear deterrents now based in Britain and elsewhere on the continent. It simply

dnesn't add up.
Could anything make this dog's breakfast look more appetising? There is not much left in the ketchup bottle. One chance is that the West German Social Democrats, with whom Labour has very imprudently worked out a commnn defence position, do well in the elections in January, thus giving at least a scrap of authenticity to the Labour claim to be in the European mainstream nn this subject. But Kinnock could end up looking even more isolated because everything suggests that the SPD is heading for a catastrophe on the same scale as Labour's own defeat in 1983, and with much the same cause: it has been taken over by the left.

Annther outside hope for Labour is that events at the superpower level will let it nff the hook, either because the Reagan administration becomes so discredited that irreparable damage is done to the whole concept of an American guarantee or, alternatively, be-cause Reagan manages to salvage his authority by an arms deal so radical that it overtakes the British controversy. All very improbable, at least in 1987.

That leaves only the real possibility that Mrs Thatcher and Norman Tebbit nverplay their hand on the defence issue. The charge that Kinnock has been playing politics with security has served the Prime Minister pretty well in the last two weeks. A bit too much stridency on the nuclear question — a subject which people take very seriously, if events oblige them to turn their attention to it - could easily cause the second escape: the idea of a accusation to rebound on her.

Paul Pickering

The fledgeling that flipped

the other day that criminals are made in the nursery. As I had just received the grim details of the formative years of Hector, the talkative and exceedingly delinquent raven I adopt at London Zoo, it was worth putting the theory in the test.

Hector was for many years a star turn at the Tower of London. There be impressed everyone with his vocal skills, saying endearing things like "Give us it 'ere then in an Arthur Mullard voice. Then one day he turned nasty.

"It was only mischief to begin with," said Yeoman Raven Master John Wilmington. "He was never a bad lad when I was around just high-spirited. Because he could fly everywhere be assumed everything belonged in him. He once tore the windscreen wipers nff a Bentley and pecked the surface nff a guardsman's boots." But it was Hector's intense hatred of Americans which led to

his becoming London Zoo's only political prisoner. For some reason people who say "Have a nice day" and wear plaid jackets brought out the worst in him. The end came when he attacked a bluerinsed lady from Little Rock.

Hector not only zoomed after her like a Phantom going flat out, knocking off her flowered hat and tearing it to pieces with his beak. but laughed while he did it. As the woman had been brought up on the Old Testament and the National Enquirer she was convinced he was a demon from hell, and she had to be treated for shock Imprisonment at the 200 has, if

anything, made him angrier. "He is the only bird it's too dangerous to go in with," says his keeper, Fred. "He nearly had a chap's eye out. You have to get him to savage a broom and then put it into a separate enclosure at the back if you want to clean him out. You would stand much more chance with a big cat."

So what went wrong in Hector's fledgelinghood that caused him to become a dangerous psychopath? A man wrote to me recently with a

A successful crime writer told me dreadful story. The poor bird, it seems, was brought up in South London. My correspondent, a solicitor, explained that a friend had found Hector on a trip to Wales and brought him back to live in a tiny South London flat. "He was mad on wildlife and taught the bird to talk. Hector used to ride around on the steering

the last

Contract

wheel of his mini van." But Hectnr's maniacal chatterings were not popular with those living close by, especially with one man, on night shift, who was kept awake for much of the day. Worse, Hector nace burrowed through the thin plaster wall with his beak, almost giving him a heart attack. Well, how would you like it if a raven's head suddenly drilled its way into your bedroom and said "Good morning, I'm Hector". He had to go to the Tower.

Hector's former owner is now too distraught to talk publicly about the matter. But who knows what dark influences that small flat had on a young raven who should have been flying free in Wales and contenting himself with pecking the occasional climber.

Even worse, Hector's upbringing took place 20 years ago when South London was not the paradise it is today, with council workers initering on every street corner and sometimes bursting into homes just to make sure the occupants are still alive and not victims of the recession. Lambeth had no raven single-parent creches in those days, Hector had to suffer alone. It does not excuse his present behaviour but perhaps be attacks Americans because they have a material wealth he could never remotely imagine

I was musing on this point rather too near the bars of Hector's enclosure when I felt a sharp stabbing pain in my arm. Hector chuckled and hopped gleefully away, muttering something which could have been about nature and nurture. Personally, I think in the case of this particular raven unkindness was born and not made. He has always been bad.

children's failure to get on in our "The developments in the curricu-Getting at the great sell-off facts

When should I sell my Gas shares? Did you get an allocation of TSB? Will BA be a good buy? These are the questions which tend to leap inm the conversation where one or more brand new share-owners are gathered together.

There are much more important questions which people should be asking about the government's sale of state industries. For instance, can you get your telephone mended more quickly now? Why is your father-in-law buying a new Jaguar when ten years ago he swore he would never buy an-

Considering the central role which privatization has assumed in the government's economic policies it is astonishing that there has not been more effort to find out whether it really does deliver the benefits claimed for it. A new book* published this week attempts to fill some of the gaps.

The editors, John Kay, Colin Mayer and David Thnmpson, marshal some fairly convincing evidence that at least in competitive markets privately-owned companies are more efficient than publicly-owned. Work by Richard Pryke of the University of Liverpool shows that at least until recently, when it has been prepar-ing for privatization, British Airways has been less profitable than British Caledonian, Sealink (beless efficient than European Ferries and the Electricity Boards' high street showrooms sold nnly about two thirds as much equipment per shop as competitors like

Name of this may strike the average consumer as very surprising. What we still lack is detailed evidence nn the quality of service and value for money provided by enterprises before and after privatization: in other words the direct effect of the government's We can learn something from

profitability. Since its privatization in 1981 profits carned by Cable and Wireless have risen from £64. I million to £295 million in 1986. Jaguar's profits have increased from £9.6 million to £121.3 million since 1982. In the same period National Freight's earnings have risen from £10.1 million to £28.8 million. All these companies were already operating in competitive markets and have achieved greater success after release from the constraints on management and access to capital-

of being in the public sector. There is also useful evidence from the deregulation of long distance coach services. An analysis by Evan Davis of the Institute for Fiscal Studies shows that the customer has undoubtedly benefited from the infusion of private

competition into the coach market through cheaper fares and higher quality service, even if National Express has been able to consolidate its dominant position. The most casual observer could hardly fail to notice the sudden appearance of gleaming new continental style coaches on the streets in contrast in the dowdy old charabanes of nid. But more important for the

political success of the programme is the performance of the giant utilities whose customers include practically all of us. The nationalized industries became a by-word for poor service: what better demnistration of the benefits of privatization than that they should become a by-word for good

The editors of the new study are not optimistic. Competition, they argue, is what counts most, not ownership, and the privatization of British Telecom and British Gas has not been structured to increase competition much within those industries.

They may be over-pessimistic. Competition for business customers in telecoms is now a reality as Mercury spreads its wings. At Oftel's insistence, domestic custnmers can also obtain access to Mercury's low-cost intercity network via BT lines. In all the fastest growing areas of the industry competition is strong.

The situation in gas is less satisfactory. But if Mercury is prepared to compete for domestic business through the BT network why should the oil companies not sell surplus gas through the British Gas network? The 1982 Act permits them to do so and negotiations have already taken place between independent companies and large business users of gas. So far British Gas has always lowered its price to compete, but that is the way competition often works - by forcing the incumbent producer in offer a better deal. Monopolies, says the new orthodoxy, may not be against the public interest if entry costs for competitors are low.

Further analysis of the effects of privatization can only be helpful, not least if it also encourages competition and privatization through contracting out in public services such as health and education. This government's example is being followed by many foreign countries oow planning major privatization programmes, but even at home there is still much to be learnt about maximizing the benefits of privatization and deregulation.

Rodney Lord *Privatisation and Regulation, the UK Experience (Clarendon Press, Oxford, £25 hardback, £9.95 paperback).

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JUDGING RIGHTS

The motives of those who wish to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into the law in Britain tend to fall into two categories. The first, with Lord Scarman at the helm, believe that the United Kingdom should have its own Bill of Rights and, since they assume the political impossibility of agreeing upon a custom-made Bill, that the next best option is to adopt the Convention to which Britain has adhered since 1952.

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The second springs more from pique than constitutional objective. Why should a Commission and a Court, with their base in a foreign country and made up almost entirely of foreign officials and judges, continue to have the right to meddle in our affairs? Better that we should bring the Convention home, when at least cases alleging its breach would be heard by our own national indges.

The ammunition for that approach is provided by the statistics. Numerically, the United Kingdom government, whatever its political hue, leads the other twenty members of the Council of Europe both in the number of complaints laid against it in Strasbourg and in the number of occasions on which the European Court of Human Rights has judged it guilty of a breach of the Convention.

The United Kingdom's frequeot appearances do not, however, denote particular disregard of its international obligations in the area of human rights. The principal reason is that in almost every other European country the Convention, or some constitutional document akin to it, is part of that national law, Aggrieved citizens do not rush so quickly to Strasbourg because they are able to air their complaints before their own courts. In Britain, even with the welcome increase in the citizen's ability to challenge administrative decisions by the judicial review procedure, Strasbourg is often the only rather than the last resort.

Opponents of incorporation, too, divide into two broad camps. There are those - including the Government - who have reservations about the imprecise nature of the convention and claim constit-utional obstacles to its becoming part of our law, and there are the objectors, mainly on the political left, who fear placing the interpretation of the Convention into the conservative hands of English

and Scottish judges. For the Convention is not like legislatioo passed by Westminster. It is in effect a Bill of Rights setting out in ringing, sweeping and often nebulous tones the rights to which the citizen is entitled. Therein lies its difficulty for British consumption. We are not accustomed to written constitutions or Bills of Rights. They fit uneasily into our system of law and government.

The Human Rights and

Fundamental Freedoms Bill nonetheless attempts to introduce the concept to British law. It states simply that the "Fundamental Rights and Freedoms [of the Convention] shall have the force of law", and the Convention itself appears in a schedule to the Bill. Originally introduced in the Upper House by Lords Scarman and Broxbourne, it was passed by their Lordships but subsequently lapsed. Now, Sir Edward Gardner, QC, the Chairman of the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs, is bringing it before the

Commons. No attempt is made to give the Bill a special status in law by laying down unique and stringent parliamentary or judicial procedures for amendment, as most countries with constitutions provide. At first blush, therefore, the Bill is just a oother piece of Westminster legislation which, if passed into law, would be subject to amendment or repeal by ordinary parliamentary proce-To that extent dure. parliamentary sovereignty is

not affected. Yet the Bill does contain the trappings of a constitution. All other laws, past and future, will have to conform to the list of rights and freedoms laid down in the Convention, or run the risk of being struck down for being in effect (though the term is not used in the Bill) unconstitutional.

And what of the terms of the Convention itself in the Bill's schedule? If Parliament becomes free to change them, it might lead to the absurd result that the Westminster version of the Convention would be different from the treaty to which Britain adheres. But if Parliament cannot change the terms, is this not giving the Convention a special, higher

status than ordinary law? The position of Strasbourg's European Court of Human Rights raises a further difficulty. At present, its findings are not legally binding, though they are followed because of our treaty obligations. The court does not form part of our national legal structure in the way that Luxembourg's European Community's court does.

Incorporating the Conven-tion would, however, give Strasbourg a more formal status as the court of last resort, in effect a court of appeal from the national courts. We would have given foreign judges more power - though, as a result of providing national remedies, there would presumably be many fewer cases going to Strasbourg to enable them to exercise it.

A further constitutional question arises over the role of judges in Britain. They are trained to interpret detailed statutes passed by Westminster and to make up their minds between alternative detailed arguments put to them by barristers. It is an approach not necessarily suited to the kind of enquiry to which Continental indees are accustomed, namely, the determination of whether or not particular laws, rules or conduct fall within the very broad wording of an article in a Bill of Rights or a constitution. It may also bring judges dangerously close to having to make decisions about what are essentially policy matters more properly in the hands of the executive.

It is true, of course, that the top echelons of the judiciary are not entirely novices at making decisions on constitutional issues. The law lords, when they sit on the Privy Council in their judicial capacity, are constantly interpreting the constitutions of Commonwealth countries with no apparent difficulty; and the expansion in the last few years of administrative law has obliged judges to come to terms with making decisions which have political policy consequences.

Yet a Bill of Rights would greatly expand this. The need to interpret the vague abstract rights embodied in it would compel judges to venture more frequently into politically dangerous territory without giving them the concrete guidance of traditional jurisprudence. Already, complaints are occasionally heard from the left about the supposed political partiality of the judiciary. These can at present be easily dismissed. The fact that over the last few years the law has not suited the trade unions and the left has to do with parliament and the electorate, not with the judiciary.

But such complaints would have greater apparent reasonableness, on both left and right, if a Bill of Rights were to enable and even compel judges to deliver judgements which could not easily be distinguished from legislative or executive decisions on a wide range of matters. The Scottish judge, Lord McCluskey, argued in this week's Reith Lecture that the politics of the judiciary would then become of supreme interest. That is perhaps an exaggeration. There is at least a risk, however, that judges would be selected on the basis of their political views and judicial decisions would increasingly be matters of intense controversy.

The main question, then, is simple. Do we need the European Convention on Human Rights in our law? Will the upheaval which incorporating it will undoubtedly bring be outweighed by the benefit to the citizens of having a quasi Bill of Rights which may turn out to be a constitutional nightmare? There is, in fact, no evidence of risk to the liberties of the subject sufficient to justify subordinating the British system of judicial interpretation of concrete law to an over-riding power of the judges to interpret a series of ringing abstract declarations at their own discretion.

TIGHTENING THE COPPER BELT

The riots which have erupted in Zambia's copper belt over the past week are but one manifestation of the ecocomic ills besetting southern Africa. The immediate cause of the present unrest is reported to be the sharp increase in the price of maize meal, the staple food. The increase - of more than 100 per cent - applies only to the superior type of maize, leaving people with the theoretical option of buying low quality meal to make ends meet.

The latest price rises were dictated, in effect, not by the Zambian government, but by the International Monetary Fund as a condition for extending further loans. For Zambia, despite its years of relative political stability, is a paradigm of Third World indebtedness. It is a country which has a net outflow of foreign currency because of over-optimistic borrowing against a future prosperity that has been too long in coming.

The latest austerity measures precipitated rioting, looting and violence on a scale said not to have been seen since Zambia became independent more than 20 years ago. The authorities have dispatched troops and declared a curfew. Such is their concern to restore law and order in an area which still provides the bulk of Zambia's depleted foreign cur-

rency earnings. The threat of anarchy in so ecocomically vital a region highlights the dilemma for President Kaunda and for Zambia's friends abroad, including Britain. At what point do the economic reforms and austerity measures required by international lending organizations so destabilize the domestic political situation that their main purpose - returning the country to solvency - is defeated?

Where a country has a

record of political instability, or endemic corruption, the likelihood is, first, that not so much should have been lent in the first place and, second, that neither the recipient nor the lender would have much to lose from scaling down, or even severing the relationship. Zambia, however, does not quite fit into this gloomy pattern. Its troubles are due partly to bad luck. The continued fall in copper prices is a trend that was not predicted, and the agricultural reforms away from collectivization came too late to remedy Zambia's dependence on im-

There is, however, the possibility that the latest disturbances are only one manifestation of a deeper discootent within the Bemba tribe (dominant in the copper belt) over President Kaunda's presidency. There have been reports for some time of concern among the country's intelligence services about developing unrest. As long as the army remains loyal, it is

threat to Mr Kaunda could materialize. But the international financial community shares the president's interest in maintaining stability in the country and must therefore be alive to the dangers which might lie beneath the surface.

They also have a common interest in persevering with their relationship. The IMF and others hope to recoup some of their investment. And Zambia needs loans that will make a more positive contribution to growth than past investments have done. Violent change in Zambia would foster neither aim.

Some Western governments, notably the United States, have already begun to argue that austerity measures alone are incapable of remedying Africa's persistent insolvency. A year ago at the World Bank meeting in Seoul they put forward a more flexible approach to lending which concentrated on funding economic growth and broke away from the austerity-led recipes offered before.

This may show a way forward. In view of past experience, however, there must be a strict quid pro quo for any future loans. If it is not to be austerity, then it must be greater liberalisation of the recipient economy and its adjustment to market forces. For the present, the unrest in Zambia this week illustrates the risks, to all involved, of hard to see how any serious failing to change.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How does be propose to get the

men? By greatly increasing pay? In

which case, what will the TUC say? And if not, by reintroducing National Service that will mean

trebling the size of the training

machine, the provision of more

barracks and training areas &c.,

&c? It will be difficult to find room

to house and train the new

divisions in Germany, let alone in

increased contribution a maritime

one? More warships and sub-

marines (non-nuclear, of course).

How is he going to man the ships?

Except in the immediate after-

math of the Falklands war the

Royal Navy has been struggling

with a retention problem for many

to benefit the most from the

largesse so lavishly promised by

Mr Kinnock? It probably should

be, after having been cut to the

bone by successive governments.

But this will mean more land for

airfields, and in view of their ever-increasing cost the addition of relatively few planes to the frontline strength. Here again, there will be a retention problem,

since skilled men are offered many

advantages in civilian life. Not for one moment would I

wish to disparage the good in-tentions and high ideals of those

who want to take Britain out of the

"nuclear club". But if it should

ever come to war, which God forbid, and should the Russians

and Americans be locked in a life

struggle, we shall certainly not

save ourselves by abandoning

such influence as we still possess,

nor by pulling the wool over our eyes, as we tried to do in the run-

fight Hitler in the end.

Hilltop House, Little Milton, Oxfordshire.

I am, &c, &c, JAMES LUNT,

December 6.

up to World War IL. We still had to

From Dr Humphrey Smith Sir, Your second leader of December 8 makes the statement in

its oon-nuclear defence policy carries no credibility at all."

Sir, this is rubbish. It is quite

specifically on account of its

defence policy that, at the age of

41, I intend to vote for the Labour

Party at the next general election,

not think I am alone.

HUMPHREY SMITH,

I Croft Road, Atherstone, Warwickshire.

Country of origin

Sir, The letter by Sir Edward du

Cann and others of the Conser-

vative Parliamentary Group for

European Reform seems to con-

fuse the obligation to show the

country of origin on consumer

products with the right of produc-

ers to continue doing so. The proposed repeal of the Trade

Descriptions Act 1972 will in no

My own county of Hereford-

shire produces some excellent products. When firms judge that buyers will be attracted by being

made aware of its origin, there is nothing in the EEC Treaty to

prevent them marking the product Made in Herefordshire, England

Sir, Let me add emphasis to John

Goodbody's telling articles (December 2, 3) about the appall-

ing rates burdens which amateur

The rates bill for Lords cricket

ground is quoted as £25,700. Ours,

for a comparable area in the

southern nutskirts of Sheffield, is

C. G. BUCK (President, Sheffield Amateur Sports Club),

sports clubs are made to bear.

(or Great Britain or UK).

Yours faithfully

Prior House,

Stoke Prior.

Herefordshire.

Sports ground

From Mr C. G. Buck

December 5.

£45,000.

Yours sincerely

The Grange,

RUPERT BLUM.

From Mr Rupert Blum

way affect that right.

Yours faithfully,

December 8.

for the first time in my life. I do

relation to the Labour Party "

Perhaps it is the RAF which is

Or does he intend to make our

this country.

Labour's defence policy under fire Security service From Sir Patrick Donner divisions? If so, the Soviet Union can match us fourfold.

Sir, In a televisioo interview Mr Neil Kinnock claimed in the United States that the Labour Party had always been prepared to defend this country. This is a falsehood of monumental proportions.

From 1929 until the outbreak of war the Labour Party, riddled with pacifism, systematically opposed the National Government's measures to rearm. They denounced as warmongers all who, in the looming Nazi menace, called for more defence. In the very year that Hitler invaded Czechoslovakia the Labour Party conference voted not to reduce but to abolish the RAF altogether.

Only four months before the outhreak of war the Parliamentary Labour Party voted against conscription. And in September. 1939, their personal hatred of Neville Chamberlain was such that they forgot their duty to their country and refused to share the burden of Government until the spriog of 1940.

When Germany was defeated, Winston Churchill appealed in the national interest to Attlee to remain in the Coalition at least until Japan had been defeated, so that a united country could face the world's problems. Attlee refused. In war the Labour Party

arrived late and left early.
This is Labour's infamous defence record, for which, to the best of my knowledge, no member of the Labour Party has ever expressed a word of contrition or regret for the damage they did. And when in 1982 the Ar-

gentines committed unprovoked aggression and invaded the Falkland Islands, Labour MPs criticized not them but the Prime Minister who felt compelled to observe in the Commons that "she wished the leader [Mr Foot] of the Labour Party was as concerned for our defence as he is to keep Soviet

superiority".

Mr Kinnock, whose policy of "defenceless defence" has been repudiated by the United States and every Nato government, is oow busy putting a gloss oo it so as to make it appear less dangerous and reprehensible than it is. Given his inexperience and irresponsibil-ity, will anyone believe him? Yours etc.

PATRICK DONNER. Hurstbourne Park, Whitchurch, Hampshire. December 9.

From Major-General J. D. Lunt Sir, Does Mr Kinnock intend to increase our land forces contribution to Nato by forming more

Brain stem deaths From Dr Andrew Bamji

Sir, The views of Dr Wainwright Evans (report, December 8) on brain stem death are not new and have been refuted on more than one occasion in the medical press over the past four years. They are based on a fundamental misunderstanding of physiology and a failure to comprehend the difference between death of the individual "as a whole" and death "of the whole individual"; cessation of the circulation is irrelevant

The code for the diagnosis ofbrain stem death requires the essential precondition of in-cootrovertible evidence of irreversible structural damage. If there is any doubt whatever then the diagnosis of brain stem death may oot be made and the patient cannot be certified dead.

This is why Dr Evans has never produced and will never be able to produce any case of resurrection from a correctly diagnosed state of brain stem death. To frighten people with the notion that the brain stem dead may yet be resurrected is irresponsible.

May I remind Dr Evans of Sydney Smith's dictum: "death must be distinguished from dying, with which it is often confused."

It is understandable why the layman may fail to perceive the difference and incumbent on doctors to ensure that they understand, so that they can explain. Yours faithfully,

A case of misconduct

I do not believe that the Royal

College of Surgeons bears any

responsibility in this matter,

though we do have the opinion of its president that "It was the

responsibility of the surgeon who

admitted a patient to ensure that

he or she was cared for, either by

himself or by another surgeon who

was coming on duty." Substan-

tially the same conclusion was

arrived at by the Tower Hamlets

advisory panel reporting on the

Wendy Savage case (see British

Medical Journal, October 25,

I have twice requested public

enquiries to be made into the

conditions of work with which I

have been confronted over the

past few years. To its credit, the

Royal College of Surgeons re-ported in the autumn of 1983 on

these problems. It is unfortunate

that the advice was unacceptable

1986, page 1092).

ANDREW BAMIL Brook General Hospital Shooters Hill Road, SE18. December 8.

From Mr F. E. Weale

December 5. to my colleagues or the regional health authority, thus placing me in a serious minority position.

Bradway, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

Sir, Your third leader (November The Vascular Surgical Society of 27) is correct in questioning the Great Britain is aware of the mechanisms with which "disturbanomalous position of singleing aspects" of the case in which I handed surgeons practising vaswas found guilty of professional cular surgery and discussed it at its recent meeting in November. misconduct have been brought to

I practise sophisticated surgery I have twice been warned by Royal College of Surgeons representatives that I expose myself to undue medico-legal risk for under-taking the kind of work which I do in the South-east (Dartford and Gravesham) without an intensivecare unit.

I have carried a heavy burden for 17 years and it is the care with which I have done my work which has on the one hand benefited my patients, and on the other has excused the health authority from providing me with what others regard as absolute essentials. It was not possible for me to bring such matters to the notice of the General Medical Council. Yours faithfully,

F. E. WEALE Top Corner, 9 Warren View, Shorne, Kent.

over-mighty?

From Mr Aubrey Jones Sir, Professor Hough (December 6) is right the requirement of lifelong coofideotiality now placed on an official of the security services should be conditional, not absolute. If, for example, such an official were to keep to himself information about an act of espionage against the government of the day, no matter whether that act had been undertaken officially or unofficially, he would in effect be elevating his service above the

government. The real issue arising from the Wright case is: which is the paramount authority, security services or government? It can now be seen, thanks to Mr Wright, that the present system, with its emphasis on absolute secrecy on the part of everyone, can conduce to the omnipotence of the security

service. Even a prime minister may feel the oeed to appeal against it, as did, according to report, Lord Wilson. It is difficult, however, to see to whom he or she may appea unless it be to a small body of privy counsellors drawn from more than one political party. Yours faithfully AUBREY JONES. 89 North End House Fitzjames Avenue, W14.

From Mr K. I. McCallum Sir, In the current real life spy drama no one seems to have asked the obvious question. Why, if so many senior British intelligence officers were Russian moles, has this made so little difference? Britain has remained intact, the foundations of Nato are uncrumbled, the wheels of inter-national diplomacy have contin-

ued to turn. Are the dire consequences of all the double-dealing too secret to be revealed? Or could it be that Professor J. C. Masterman, who was in a position to know, got it right when he suggested that in time of peace the elaborate game of espionage and counter-espionage is largely a waste of time?
Yours sincerely,
IAIN McCALLUM,

Combesbury Farm, Backland St Mary, Chard, Somerset.

From Mr Chapman Pincher Sir, I must protest concerning a statement about myself made by my old friend Miles Copeland in his article (December 1) about the Wright affair. Mr Copeland wrote Peter Wright is sure to have enough of a best-seller to make whatever Chapman Pincher paid him look

I have never paid Mr Wright anything. Mr Wright received royalties on a jointly-authored book properly paid by the publisher and nothing else. Yours sincerely CHAPMAN PINCHER, Church Honse, 16 Church Street. Kintbury, Newbury, Berkshire.

Towards forgiveness From the Reverend Stephen Trott Sir, Your correspondent on "fnrgiveness", Mr Cooolly (December 8), should beware of taking snap definitions from the Shorter Oxford Dictionary and elevating them into theological

principles. The dictionary hardly does justice to the word "love" when it gives "warm affection" as a definition: but a dictionary is not intended to explore the depths of such words.

Whether exercised by the General Assembly in Scotland, or by an individual priest in an episcopal church, the ministry of reconciliation and forgiveness is very much something involving human beings, because to forgive is to express the conviction that God does forgive sinners who repent, and has given power and authority to his church to do so.

We are thus restored to grace and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the church, Mr Conolly's "third parties". Were forgiveness withheld, then none of us could remain members of God's church, let alone be ordained to minister within it. Yours faithfully, STEPHEN TRÖTT,

to comment upon the determina-

14 Southgate, Hessle, Humberside. December 8.

From the President of the General Medical Council Sir, It would not be proper for me

> tion of the Professional Conduct Committee of this Council in the case to which you referred in your leading article of November 27 save to say that the committee reached its decision after full consideration of all of the evidence heard in the case, and to make it clear that the complaint in question, which was first received in the form required by the rules on August 8, 1986, was considered by the Preliminary Proceedings Committee at its next meeting on

Committee on November 19 and I have noted the letter you published (December 5) from the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and can only add that the General Medical Council will continue to attach paramount importance to its primary responsibility of protecting

October 1. It was referred for a

formal hearing by the Conduct

the public. Yours faithfully JOHN WALTON, President, General Medical Council, 44 Hallam Street, W1.

December 5.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 12 1854

The storm which preceded the terrible first winter in the Crimea caused most damage at sea, where, at least 30 Allied ships were sunk. The most serious loss was the Prince, loaded with 40,000 new uniforms, underwear, hats, gloves, nedical supplies and ammunition. By comparison it was possible almost to make light of the storm happe at Army headquarters, to which The Times correspondent William Howard Russell, was attached. The censored exclamation was presumably "Egad!"

THE BRITISH EXPEDITION.

(From Our Special Correspondent.) Camp Before Schastopol, Nov.14 The camp was visited by

hurricane today. It commenced shortly after 6 o'clock am, and was preceded by rain and squalls from SW and SSW. For about an hour I had been in a listless state between waking and sleeping, listening to the pelting of the rain against the fluttering canvas of the tent, or dodging the

streams of water which flowed underneath it, saturating our blankets and collecting on the macin-tosh sheets in pools. The sound of the rain, its heavy beating on the earth, had become gradually swallowed up by the noise of the rushing of the wind over the common, and by the flapping of the tents as they rocked more violently beneath its force. Gradually the sides of the canvas, which were tucked in under big stones to secure them, began to rise and flutter, permitting the wind to enter playfully and drive before it sheets of rain right into nne's face; the pegs began to indicate painful indecision and want of firmness of

At every fresh blast the pole of the tent played and bent like a salmon rod; the canvas tugged at the ropes to pull them up, and the pegs yielded gently. A startling crack! I looked at my companions, who seemed determined to shut out all sound and sense by piling as much clothes as they could collect over their beads. A roar of wind, and the pole bent until the fatal "crack" was heard again. "Get up, doctor up with you; E - !, the tent is coming down!" The Doctor rose from beneath his tumulus of clothes. Now, if there was anything in which the Doctor put confidence more than another, it was his tentpole. There was a decided bend in the middle of it, but he used to argue, on sound anatomical, mathematical, and physical principles that the bend was a decided improvement, and he believed that no power of Acolus could ever shake it.

He looked at the pole blandly; as he looks at all things, put out his hand, and shook it. "Why, men", said he repreachfully, "it's all right — that pole would stand for ever," and then he crouched down and

burrowed under his bedclothes. Scarcely had he given the last convulsive heave of the blankets which indicates perfect comfort and satisfaction, when a harsh screaming sound, increasing in vehemence as it approached, struck us with horror. As it passed along we heard the snapping of tent-poles and the sharp crack of timber and canvas . . . The pole broke off short in the middle, as if it were glass, and in an instant we were pressed down and half stifled by the heavy folds of the wet canvas, which beat us about the head with the greatest fury. Half breathless and blind, I struggled for the door. Such a sight as met the eye! The whole head-quarters' camp was beaten to the earth, and the unhappy occupants were rush-ing through the mud in all direc-tions in chase of their effects and

clothes . . . Dr. Hall's tent, close at hand, was levelled; and the principal medical officer of the British army might be seen in an unusual stat of perturbation, seeking for his garments ere he took to flight . . . Captain Chetwode, in drawers and rirt, was tearing through the rain and through the dirt like a maniac after a can which he fancied was his own, and which he found, after a desperate run, was his sergeant's The air was filled with blankets hats, great coets, little coets, and even tables and chairs Macintoshes, quilts, indiarubber tuba, bed-clothes, sheets of tent-canvas went whirling like leaves in the gale towards Sebastopol . . .

... Now and then a cruel gleam of sunshine absolutely shot out of a rift in the walls of clouds and rendered the misery of the scene more striking. Gathered up as we were under the old wall, we could not but think with anxious hearts of our fleet at sea — of our transports off Balaklava and the Katcha - of the men in the trenches and on picket. Alasi we had too much reason for our

anxiety. Nov 15 ... The fall of this tree which had seen many winters, coupled with the fact that the verandaha and balcomies of the houses and a row of very fine scacia trees on the beach were blown down corroborates the statement so generally made by the inhabitants that they had never seen or peard of such a hurricane in their lifetime, although there is a tradition among some that once in 30 or 40 years such visitations occur along this coast. In its present condition Balaklava is utterly indescribable...

Breath of summer From Mr James W. Gillett

Sir, On December 3, within minutes of seeing the first snowdrops in bloom, my wife was stung by a wasp! Yours faithfully, J. W. GILLETT, 16 Lea Road, Ampthill, Bedford.

December 6.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 11: The Queen held an investiture at Buckingham

Palace this morning. The Queen this evening at-tended a Reception at Guildhall to mark the 150th Anniversary

of The Newspaper Society. Her Majesty was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir David Rowe-Ham) and the President of the Society (Mr. J.E.C. Dicks).

Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Kenneth Scott, Mr Michael Shea and Lieutenant-Com-mander Timothy Laurence, RN

The Queen, attended by Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, heft King's Cross Station in the Royal Train this evening for South Yorkshire.

The Duke of Edinburgh,

President of the Fédéderation Equestre Internationale, accompanied by The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended the FEI General Assem-bly at the Waldorf Hotel today. Mr Brian McGrath was in

attendance.
The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Philippe gives evening attended a dinner given by the FEI at the Waldorf Hotel. Lieutenani-Colonei Sir John Miller, Mr Brian McGrath and Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE

December 11: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this afternoon visited the production stage of the film Living Daylights at Pinewood Studios. Mrs George West and Lieuten-ant-Colonel Brian Anderson were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE December 11: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited Crowborough and was received on arrival at Eridge Park by Her Majesty's Vice-Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex (Major B.M.H. Shand). Her Royal Highness opened

Forthcoming

Mr C.J. Brockbank

and Miss J.H. Breeze

Mr P.J. Brooksbank and Miss J.M. Crouch

Mr N. Dillon-Hatcher

Mr D.L. Manley and Miss E.M. Macleod

Mr S.M.J. Raben

and Miss S.I.L. Stratton

Ashford, Kent.

Mr M.R. Bhogadia and Miss M. Lalji Mamdani

The engagement is announced between Mahmood Reza, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs Sherali Janmohamed Bhogadia,

of Leicester, and Mansura, el-dest daughter of Mr and Mrs Hassanali Lalji Mamdani, of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

The engagement is announced

between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Brockbank, of Staveley, Kendal, Cumbria, and Judith, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan

Breeze, of Sandiway, Northwich, Cheshire.

The engagement is announced

between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Brooksbank, of Nor-

wich, and Jill, daughter of Mr

and Mrs Harold Crouch. of

and Miss L.M. Anstruther-

between Niul elder son of Dr

G.W. Hatcher and the late Mrs

M.B. Hatcher, of Hove, Sussex,

and Imogen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Anstruther-

Norton, of Maulden, Bedford-

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of the late Mr Ivor Manley and

Mrs Ivor Mankey, of Bacton, Herefordshire, and Erica, only

daughter of Mr Alastair Mac-leod, of Miami, Florida, and Mrs Lorna Macleod, of Weobley, Herefordshire.

The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of

Baron and Baroness Michael

Raben Levetzau, of Rathmire Park, Tullow, Co Carlow, and

ent is announced

marriages

the new swimming pool at Goldsmiths Leisure Centre and, in the afternoon, The Princess opened the hydrotherapy pool at the Horder Centre for Arthritics, of which Her Royal Highness is

The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon Mrs Wills.

KENSINGTON PALACE December 11: The Duke of Gloucester, President, the Institute of Advanced Motorists, today received Mr F.M. Pickering, Chairman, and Mrs R.B. Peters, Chief Executive and

Secretary. The Duchess of Gloucester, this afternoon visited The Royal Institute of Oil Painters' Exhibition at The Mail Galleries,

Mrs Howard Page was in THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 11: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy, to mark the Centenary of Olympia, were present this evening at the opening of the International Show Jumping Championships

at Olympia. The Princess of Wales, Patron of Help the Aged, will attend the premiere of Short Circuit, in aid of the charity, at the Leicester Square Theatre on January 15.

The Duke of Gloucester will present the 1986 award to the Girl Technician Engineer of the Year at the Royal Society of Arts on December 15.

Princess Alexandra will attend the opening of the Toshiba Gallery of Japanese Art at the Victoria and Albert Museum on

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a lun-cheon given by the Regimental Lieutenant Colonels, Household Division, at the Officers' Mess, Wellington Barracks, on December 18.

The Prince of Wales, Trustee of the National Gallery, will attend a dinner at the gallery on December 18 to mark the retirement of the director, Sir Michael Levey. Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will

Mr J.M. Fernie and Miss F.E. Swans

Middlesex.

Mr G. Frett

and Miss A. Gandy

Minchead, Somerset.

and Miss G.M. Peeling

Mr D.H. Godfrey

Mr A.S.R. Jones

and Miss A.L.C. Eley

The engagement is announced between George, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Frett, of New

Malden, Surrey, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Gandy, of Blue Ancbor,

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and

Nottinghamshire, and Gillian,

The engagement is announced

between Ross, eldest son of the late Mr R.H. Jones and of Mrs

J.D. Nathan, of Park Walk, London, and Annabel, daughter

Hackthorn Hall, Lincoln.

Mr R.C.F. Rea and Miss S.J. Golding

of Mr and Mrs Robin Eley, of

attend Carols for Save the Children at the Albert Hall on December 18.

The Prince of Wales, Vice-Patron of the British Council, will visit the council office at 10 Spring Gardens, SW1, on December 19.

Princess Alexandra will attend a gala tribute presented by English National Opera at the London Coliscum on December 21 to mark the retirement of Lord Goodman, CH, as chairman of the board.

The Princess of Wales will visit the Tadworth Court Hospital for Children in Surrey on Januarv 20. Princess Anne will attend n gala

performance of *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* at Sadler's Wells Theatre on January 20. The Princess of Wales. President of Dr Barnardo's, will visit St John's Community Day Care Centre, 2-4 St John's Crescent, SW9, on January 22.

The Princess of Wales, President of the Royal Academy of Music, will attend the Arthur Rubinstein Memorial concert in Rubinstein Memorial concert in aid of the Royal Academy of Music Appeal and the Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies, Ox-ford, at the Festival Hall on

The Princess of Wales will open the new special unit for deaf/visually handicapped chil-dren at Whitefield School, Mac-Donald Road, E17, on January

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Henry Frost will be held at All Hallows-by-the Tower at 11.30 today.

Birthdays today

Miss Tracy Austin, 26; Mr Lionel Blair, 55; Major-General Sir Rupert Brazier-Creagh, 77; Miss Denise Coffey, 50; Mr Kenneth Cranham, 42; the Hon Mrs Grannach Duranta Lore Kenneth Cranham, 42; the Hon Mrs Gwynneth Dunwoody, MP, 56; Mr Emerson Fittipaldi, 40; Mr Roy Grantham, 60; Air Commodore Dame Felicity Hill, 71; Mr Philip Ledger, 49; Canon Professor E.L. Mascall, 81; Mr John Osborne, 57; Mr Frank Sinatra, 71; Lieutenant-Frank Sinatra, 71; Lieutenant-General Sir William Turner, 79; Luncheons the Right Rev Denis Wakeling

Mr O.W. Scutt

and Miss T.C. Barr The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs William Fernie, of Tellisford, Somerset, and Frona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mi-chael Swann, of Pinner,

Barr, of Cheltennam, Mr C.D. Skinner and Miss S.A. Lleyd-Williams The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Skinner, of Chance Fields, Radford Semele, Warwickshire, and Suky, youn-gest daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Boot, of Oakwood

Mrs D.F. Godfrey, of Newark, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.B. Peeling, of Newport, Gwent.

and Miss S.J. Cursham

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Major and Mrs M.F. Rea, of The Old Rectory, Cowley, Gloucestershire, and Sarah Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.M. Golding, of Wells Farm, Claverdon, Warwickshire. Mr R.W. Robinson and Miss M.B. Smith

The engagement is announced between Robert William, son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Robinson, of Cotgrave, Nottingham, and Marie Bernadette, daughter of Mrs M.E. Smith and of the late Mr S. Smith, of Grassendale, Liverpool.

Mr M.J. Sclanders and Miss J. Cassie The engagement is announced between Malcolm, son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Scianders, of Hayward's Heath, West Sussex, and Jacqueiyn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Cassie, of Bedlington, Northumberland. Sarah Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Vernon Stratton, of St Helen's Station, Isle of Wight.

The engagement is announced between Oliver William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.T. Scutt, of Hungerton, Leicestershire, and Tania Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Barr., of Cheltenham, Mr John Brown, President Mr John Brown, President

Farm, Beenham, Berkshire.

Mr A.G. Singleton and Miss J.M. Rinton The engagement is announced between Alastair, only son of Maior and Mrs John Singleton. of St Cyrus, Kincardineshire, and Jane, only daughter of Surgeon Captain and Mrs Andrew Rintoul, of Alverstoke,

Flight Lientenant D.B.

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr H.A. Wildridge and the late Mrs F.I. Wildridge, and Juliet, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Cursham, of East Leake, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Marriages Lientenant-Colonel J.B

Henderson and Miss C.E. Horsbrugh Porter The marriage took place on Saturday, November 29, at St Mary's Church, Salford, Chipping Norton, between Lieuten-ant-Colonel J.B. Henderson and Miss C.E. Horsbrugh-Porter. Mr H. Marshall and Miss L. House

The marriage took place on December 6 at St Mary's Church, Preston Candover, he tween Mr Harry Marshall, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Mar-shall, and Miss Laura House, daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian House. The Rev Rycroft Smith and the Rev Simon House Mr Oliver James was best

Sale room

COURT AND SOCIAL £423,500 for bust of French general

By Huon Mallalieu

seems to have originated in

western Europe and was

boldly carved with scenes of

the healing miracles of Christ.

A fine Limoges champlere enamel and chasse or reli-

In a sale of jewels at

with a pear-shaped stone weighing 9.89 carats made £85,800 (estimate £30,000 to

At Christie's, a sale of

Gibbs, bought the two most expensive lots, an early Geor-

£10,000 to £15,000).

The morning session of a sale for £308,000 (estimate of medieval and later Euro-£200,000 to £300,000). It pean bronzes, sculptures and dated from about AD 500, works of art at Sotheby's yesterday aroused consid-erable enthusiasm in widely diverse fields and produced a total of £1,810,919 with 9 per

cent bought in.

A fine baroque marble halflength bust of the 17th-century

sold for £66,000. French general, the Duc de Loxembourg, with a massive Sotheby's, a diamond ring wig, armour and the Order of the St Esprit, went to the London dealer, Adrian Ward-Jackson, at £423,500 (estimate £80,000 to £120,000).

It was attributed to the Flemish sculptor, Jan Pieter van Baursheit the elder, on stylistic grounds, although only two signed busts by him are known. The sculptor of this one was certainly at pains to ignore the notably humped back of the sitter. An early 17th-century

bronze group of Hercules cinb-bing a dragon, which was attributed to Felice Palma and apparently based on a design by Gianbologna, was bought by Agnew at £220,000 (estimate £70,000 to £100,000).

From a much earlier period

timate £70,000 to £100,000).

From a much earlier period of European civilization, there was a carved ivory pyxis, or circular box for the reservation of the host, which went to Edward Lubin, of New York jewel sale was £2,783,796.

Newspaper Society
The Queen was present at n reception held at Guildhall last

night to mark the 150th anniver-

night to mark the 150th anniver-sary of the Newspaper Society. Mr J.E.C. Dicks, president, and Mrs Dicks received the guests who also included the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, and Mr Brian Gould, MP.

Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers' Association of Britain

Mr Chris Patten, Minister for

Overseas Development, was the guest of honour at a function given by the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers' Association of Britain at the

Reform Club yesterday. Mr John Osman, president, was in

Mr John Brown, President of

the British Property Federation, was host at a luncheon held at 19

was host at a luncheon held at 19 Sloane Street, SW1, on Thursday, December 11, for the Hon Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr John Delafons, Deputy Secretary at the Department of the Environment, Mr Geoffrey Carter, vice-president, and other members of the federation were present.

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chair-

man of the executive committee

of the International Council of Christians and Jews, was host at

a luncheon held yesterday at

Hillel House, WCI, to mark the appointment of the Rev Rich-

ard Harries, Dean of King's College London and Bishop-elect of Oxford, as consultant to

the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York on

Mr J.A. Robson, Ambassador at Bogota, to be Ambassador to Norway in succession to Sir

William Bentley, who is retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Mrs S.E. Brown to be head o

Companies Division, Department of Trade and Industry in

accession to Mr A.A. Duguid.

Sir Hew Fleetwood Hamilton-Dalrymple to be Lord Lieuten-ant for Lothian Region in succession to the Earl of Wemyss and March, who will be

Dr Elwyn Davies, of Aberyst

wyth, former president of the National Library of Wales, left

estate valued at £597,880 net. Mr James Ferguson Bomford, of Pershore, Worcestershire, left

retiring on January 19.

Latest wills

Pershore, Wor £1,704,710 net.

Appointments

present.

Reception

Dinners

bought in.

Fan Makers' Company The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Fan Makers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mayore Collins Mayor Mayores M.S. Ross Collins, Master, accompanied by Mrs R. McWhirter, presided. The Lord Mayor, Mr P.G. Bird, Foreign Warden, and Sir John Page, MP, also spoke. Among those present were:

present were
Baroness McLeod of Borve, Lady
Page, Mrs S M From Coiline, the
Masters of the Beendashers' Charforced a commander and Coopers' Consforced and their ladies; the Common Series and Mrs Pagol, the Deputy
Colonel of the Royal Restment of
Fusiliers and Mrs Webner, the Pro
Vice-Charled institute of Technology and Mrs
Fletcher, the Chairman of the British
Insurance Brokers' Association and
Mrs Alexander, and Mr Ian Stewart,
MP, and Mrs Stewart.

Earl of Lauderdale The Earl of Lauderdale was host at a dinner at the Houses of Parliament last night. The guest of honour was Mr Ian Lang, Minister for Industry and Education, Scottish Office, oth-

ers present were:

M. Joel Bouchard, finance manager, Société Nationale Elf Aquitaine, Sir William Clark, MP, Mr David Dixon, Chairman, Elf UK plc, Lord Gregori, M. Denis Goguel-Nyegaard, head of corporate planning, Societé Nationale Elf Aquitaine. Viscount Hood, Lord Irving of Dartford, M. Frederic Board, Chairman, Elf Aquitaine UK (Chairman, Elf Aquitaine UK (Hobbings), Mr Afbert McQuartie, MP, Viscount Montgomery of Alambein, Mr, Peter Rost, MP, M. Arbaud Rousseau, managing director. Elf Aquitaine UK (Holdings), Mr Jim Wallace, MP, and Mr Jerty Wigdin, MP. ers present were:

Glass Sellers' Company The Giass Sellers' Company held a dinner last night at Stationers' Hall after the installation of officers. Mr Philip J. Willoughby, Master, was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr Robert Marshall Renter Warden, Mr Patrick Roncy, Chief Commoner, and Mr David Williams-Thomas

Among those present were:
The Right Rev Kenneth Woolkombe,
Sir John Weich, Leutenant-General
Sir Hugh Cunningham, Major-General
L A W New, Major-General W M E
Hicks, Mr Deputy Bernard Morgan,
Mr Eric Head and Mr J R MaxwellHystop, MP.

University news

The following have been awarded readerships at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth: Dr Roger Horgan (botany and microbiology) and Dr Richard Kemp (zoology).

Reading

Grants
Medical Research Council: £102.561
to Professor J W Almand (microbiology) for the genetic analysis
type 2 and type 3 pollovirus vaccines
Oversees Development Administration: £209.664 to Dr. J Gregoria
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systems in relation to crop improve

Grants

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Honorary degrees have been conferred on the following: LLO: Mr J.S.B. Boyce, forme Education Officer for Lancash Tom Siephenson, peoneer on a Tom Siepherson, peoneer on access to the countryside.

14. Mr Arthur Gray, Beadle at the miversity, 1966-79. OSe: Mr Derek Roberts. FRS, joint deputy managing director (technical) at GLC.

OBITUARY

SIR AUGUSTUS WALKER Intrepid air commander

Air Chief Marshal Sir Augustus Walker, GCB, CBE, DSO, DFC, AFC, died on December 11 at the age of 74. excellent record on operations during the war, and continued to fly in spite of losing an arm in 1942. Afterwards he held many important commands, and was finally Inspectorgoing to a Nato post in

Енгоре. George Augustus (Gus) Walker was born at Leeds oo August 24, 1912, and educated at St Bees' School and St Catharine's College, Cambridge, where he gained a Second in the Natural Sciences Tripos, and won a rugby

English furniture made a total of £326,733 with 18 per cent failing to find buyers. The London dealer, Christopher Blue. He joined the RAF in 1934 and was posted, two years later, to 99 Squadron, of Heyford bombers. Between then and the outbreak of war gian two-section walmst cabi-net at £30,800 (estimate £7,000 to £10,000) and a small Regency purple-heart pedestal bookcase at £22,000 (estimate he specialised in armaments He also captained the RAF rugby team from 1936 to 1939, and played for Blackheath, Yorkshire, England and the Barbarians.

On Wednesday afternoon, In the first year of the war he Christie's held a sale of antiqdid a flying refresher course, nities which produced and later commanded a squadron of Hampdens. In 1941 he was appointed station commander at North

Luffenham.

Walker was not only a superb aircraft captain, but a brilliant leader of formations. At a time when there was widespread scepticism in high places about Bomber Command's claims of success over Germany, he had a reputation for striving relentlessly to make sure that his aircraft were getting to their targets. No death-or-glory daredevil, he nevertheless went to immense pains - and courted the consequent dangers - to identify objectives before ordering bombs away.

On one night operation when the target, a factory, was almost totally obscured, he found a gap in the cloud cover, and dived through it, intending to take a closer look at rooftop level. He found, in-stead, that he had flown slap into a ballonn barrage, but managed to extricate himself and deliver his bomb-load accurately. This was all done in the face of heavy enemy

Mr Walter Stoessel, Ameri-

latter year he returned as deputy chief of mission until 1965. Three years later, after another period in Washington, he received his first ambassadorial posting - to

Poland. In December 1969 he visited the Chinese embassy in Warsaw for a meeting with the Chinese charge d'affaires, Lei Yang. It was a significant event, soon followed by President Nixoo's announcement that the American trade embargo against China would be

Two further meetings took place the following month, which smoothed the way for Kissinger's secret visit to

his tactful diplomacy in Warsaw, sent him in 1974 as ambassador to Moscow. There he helped negotiate agreements on the size of nuclear tests and attended meetings between Kissinger and Brezhnev. It was at this period that the

Americans had good reason to suspect that the Russians were beaming high levels of micro-

noticed burning iocendiaries falling from the open bomh doors of one of the Lancasters taxiing to the runway. He leapt into his car and set off General of the RAF before across the airfield, dodging other moving aircraft in a desperate attempt to warn the

> Fifty yards from the Lancaster he got out of his car to run the rest of the way. But as he approached its 4,000th bomh exploded, hurling him backwards and shattering his right arm. This had to he amputated, but, though righthanded he did not allow it to inhibit him, and was back as station commaoder withio two

From 1943 he commanded RAF Pocklington, a bomber ase embracing three airfields. In 1945 he was made SASO at No 4 Groop HQ, controlling the Halifax squadrons operating from Yorkshire airfields.

His main contribution to the RAF in the 1950s was in Bomber Command, at a crucial period when its first jet aircraft were coming into service.

He commanded RAF Coningsby from 1951 to 1953 when it had Washingtons (B-29s oo loan from the United States), and in the final year went on a course to familiarize himself with jets.

In 1954 he took command of the RAF Flying College at Manby, and led its staff and students on numerous longrange exercises. In July of that year he navigated two Hastings aircraft in surveys over the North Pole, which paved the way for the first flight to the Pole by a British jet aircraft (the college's Canberra bomber, Aries IV, in October 1954). These flights yielded valuable information on the behaviour of gas turbine engines at extreme temperatures. Walker was awarded the AFC in 1956.

In that year, he became AOC I Group, Bomber Command. Its Vulcans were entering service and the operational a son and a daughter.

MR WALTER STOESSEL

can diplomat, died on December 9. He was 66.

During a career spanning more than four decades he was successively United States ambassador to Poland, the Soviet Union and West Germany. A fluent Russian speaker he specialized in Soviet

affairs. Walter John Stoessel born at Manhattan, Kansas, on January 24, 1920, and educated at Stanford University

In 1947 he was posted for two years to the US embassy in Moscow, returning to spend year at Columbia University's Russian Institute, and four years at the State Department, Later he served, briefly, at the White

Between 1956 and 1963 he was mainly in Paris, but in the

From 1972 to 1974 Stoessel was assistant secretary of state for European affairs, engaged in talks with the Soviets on mutual and balanced force reductions (MBFR).

Nixon, doubtless pleased by

wave radiation at their embassy. In 1975 Stoessel was takeo ill with nausea and bleeding from the eyes, and was found to have contracted leukaemia, the disease which, in fact, eventually killed him.

The following year Stoessel was appointed ambassador to West Germany. He remained until 1981, returning to Washington as deputy secretary of state under Alexander Haig. He stood in for a time in 1982 between Haig's resignation and the appointment of George Schultz. Stoessel him-

self retired later that year. But he was not allowed to rest, and was later recalled for a number of special assignments: improving relations with Hungary, meetings with Polish communist leaders, and the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Sinai. He was once again in conversation with the Chinese, on the subject of peaceful nuclear

cooperation. The silver-haired Stoessel was a tough and skilled diplomat. By way of relaxation be had a passion for paddle tennis (played with a sponge ball and paddle-shaped bat, with rules similar to ordinary

tennis). He married, in 1946, Mary Ann Ferrendou, who survives him with their three daughters.

MR JOHN **BOLTON**

Mr John Bolton, CB, died recently at the age of 60.

Born in Lancashire on December 30, 1925, he was educated a Blackburn College of Technology, and then served apprenticeships with

BAC and Courtaulds. In 1954 be entered the National Health Service as a group engineer, and in 1968 was appointed chief engineer to the DHSS, becoming chief works officer in 1977. Last year he became president of the Institute of Hospi-

tal Engineering. He was a good talker and genial companion, as well as an admirable administrator. His wife, Nell, survives him, with their three

In 1942 he was given com- training of these squadrons mand of the bomber station at was a matter of high priority Syerston in Nottinghamshire, into which he threw himself and it was there that he lost his with great enthusiasm. The rest of the world, 100, was A bomber pilot, he had an arm. One evening while rest of the world, too, was accellent record on operations watching a raid take off he curious about the new deltaled a formation from 617 (the Dambusters) Squadron to the World Congress of Flight at Las Vegas. io 1959. There, they gave a oazzling flying display over the Grand CanService of the service of the servic

lo June 1959 he was appointed to a newly created post for a serving officer, that Chief Information Officer at the Air Ministry. He held this for two years before being made AOC-in-C Flying Training Command.

His final RAF appointment was as Inspector-General (1964-67), but in the latter year he went to a Nato post as Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces Central Europe. from which he retired in 1970. In retirement he continued active. He was a non-executive director of Philips Electronics from 1970 to 1982, but had a host of other interests. Though his playing days were over, he continued to be deeply involved in rughy and qualified as a first-class referee. He was president of the RFU in 1965-66. He also played an excellent game of golf, left-handed, and had a single-figure handicap.

In his service career, as in his life outside. Gus Walker was a man who led from the front. Like many bombing men of his generation his was the philosophy of going in bard and low". He never expected of a subordinate anything be would not do himself. At Cooingsby he ooce stood in for a bomb-aimer who had gone sick, unreservedly putting himself under the aircraft's captain, although he commanded the entire sta-

A man of his temperament was, naturally, no friend of the hureaucrat and he could be rough with those who sought to strew red tape in his path. In the mess he was popular, though he neither drank nor

He leaves a widow, Brenda,

DAN DONOVAN

Dan Donovan, ooe of the best known British band singers in the early days of radio. died on December 6. He was

He first sang professionally at tea dances io Cardiff, where he was born, before going to London in the early 1920s. His distinctive light tenor. reminiscent of his American contemporary Rudy Vallee, sooo attracted attention and he saug with all the popular bands of the period. Among them were those led hy Bert Amhrose and Harry Roy; Roy Fox and Lew Stone; and Nat Gonella and Charlie Kunz.

He achieved national fame and a claim to being the first "pop star" years before the term was invented - while singing with Henry Hall, Britain's premier hroadcasting orchestra leader.

Altogether he made some 8,000 hroadcasts, a couple of films and innumerable records, from "Red Sails in the Sunset" to such oddities as "Daughter of Mother Machree." His best known song, "When Day is Done," became his signature tune when he went solo at £300 a week in the 1930s.

After the war he returned to Wales and took part in many broadcasts before taking over a number of public houses. His trademark was a rakishlytilted trilby which he wore to the end of his days. He is survived by a daugh-

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MR H. de C. HASTINGS

Sir Hugh Casson writes: So obsessively modest a man as Hubert de Cronin Hastings would be the last person to notice (or even. perhaps, to mind that much) the absence from his obituary (December 6) of the fact that in 1971 he was awarded the Royal Gold Medal for bis services to architecture.

meh new.

Those of us, bowever, who knew and worked for him do miod, for it was a welcome recognition of the pioneering and influential work of an extraordinary but, by his own wisb, almost unknown man.

Ireland, the Scillies, Norfolk and Kent. Another dispersal

from its central England strong-

hold took place is 1981-81 when

it moved down to Cornwall,

Devon and Dorset, it has also expanded into Anglesey, the East Midlands, Scotlands and

The Ruddy duck is aquatic. it

Science report

North American duck settles down in Britain

The rapid spread across Britain of the Raddy duck, a colourful North American escapee, has become one of the most conspicuous ornithological success stories of recent years There are now well scattered populations of an estimated 1,800 birds, and the manner in which the duck has colonized vacant habitats so positively suggests it has already become established member

Britain's avifauna. The British Trast for Omithology describes the advance of the duck, Oxyara jamaicensis, as possibly the most impressive in any bird

The trust's newly published Atlas of Wintering Birds in Britain and Ireland records ecross Europe from the extre th-east in the 1930s to reach Britain by the mid-1950s and become a common garden hird. Ruddy duck in 244 10-kilometre squares, whereas its 1976 Atlas of Breeding Birds noted the Ruddy dacks, with their chestout plumage, white cheeks and blue bill, gather in winter in conveniently static groups on reservoirs and lakes, making them easy to count.

خركذا فكالاصل

Three pairs were imported in 1948 from the US to the Wildfowl Trest at Slimbridge. Twenty onpinioned joveniles escaped in 1957, followed by about 70 more in the circ want on the circumstant of the circum 70 more in the six years up to 1963. Thereafter, the ducks were regularly recorded on reservoirs and small reeded meres in Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire and the county of

ducks in only 20 10-kilometre The Ruddy duck first bred in the wild in 1960. Six breeding pairs were recorded in 1965. There were 25 pairs by 1972.
The 1975 population, at 300 to 350, had doubled by 1978, reaching 1,800 by 1984 despite

losses in the great freeze off Recent hard winters nobear to have promoted its dispersal. In the severe weather of 1978-79 the duck deserted Staffordshire

flies only when it moves from one water to another, feeding on insect larvae and seeds on the water bed. A remarkable feature is the duck's rapid establishment of regular migration pat-terns within Britain, with large numbers returning in winter to reservoirs and lakes in Avon and Staffordshire from their other

many southern counties.

Moments after Mrs Hope fell

her Aid Call was telephoning

neighbours for help

PERSONAL COLUMNS

LEGAL NOTICES

RADIANT SUPERGLAZE
(LANCAS-HIRE) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREEN COVEN pursuams to
Section 888 of the Communics Act 1986
that a Meeting of the Creditors of the
shown named Company will be held to
Bowster House. Knightsterings, Lordon
SWIX 7894 on Monday the 25m day of
December 1986 at 11.00 ericot. In
SWIX 7894 on Monday the 25m day
of December 1986 at 11.00 ericot. In
Swix 7894 on Monday the 25m day
of December 1986 at 11.00 ericot. In
Swix 12 to the Company
affairs, together with a 1.25 of the
Creditors of the Company and Incentimated amount of their claims. Laid
before them. and for the purposes
provided for in sections 889 and 890.
By order of the Sound of Directors
B-R Secretarial Limited

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DUBSCWARD LIMITED

NOTICE IS HERGEY CIVEN pursuent in Section 588 of the Commanies Act 1985 that a Meeting of the Commanies Act 1985 that a Meeting of the Creators of the above named Commany will be held at Bowater House. Kingshisheldes, London 5W1X 7NN on Monday the 29th day of December 1986 at 11.30 o'clock to the forenoon, for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, had before them, and for the purpose provided for in occisions 589 and 590.

Dated 9th Documber 1986 by order of the Board of Directors

B-R Secretariat Limited

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By Grow to the shall of Linetons

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IN THE HECH COURT OF JUSTICE

No. 006548 of 1985

CHANCERY DIVISION

COMPANIES COURT

IN THE MATTER OF TREPEN LIMITED

AND

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948

By Order of the 1986 Court of Justice
dated to 20th day of Court of Justice
dated to 20th day of Court of Justice
dated to 20th day of Court of Lineton

Linetons & Salin. Lemons House, Eps Bross.

Gloucester GLI 1XD has been appointed

Liquidator of the above-shood Company

without a Compatible of Inspection.

Dated Sin December 1986

N.J. MALLS

RIDHAM FRENCHT SERVICES LIMITED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 589 of the Companies Act 1995 habove need Company will be held at Bovater House, Knightsbridge, London SWIX 784 on Monday the 29th day of December 1986 at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, longether with a List of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, had before them, and for the purpose provided for in sections 589 and 590. Dated 9th December 1986 by order of the Seart of Directors By order of the Seart of Directors By order of the Seart of Directors By Green Bert Secretariat Limited

B-R Secretarial Limited

T J & J COOLING LIMITED

NOTICE IS HERESY CIVEN that the
creditors of the above-named company,
which is being women-up voluntarity, are
required on or before the 16th day of
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JOHN B. SMITH
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MORGAN - On December 5th, at St.
Lukes, Cullidford. to Susan (née Qooper) and Michael a second son, Guy
Michael John.

O'GORMAN - On December 9th 1986, at Mount Alvernia Hospital Guildford to Frances (née Thomp-son) and Roy, a son. RATCLIFFE - See Wareham. TOBIAS - On December 5th 1986, to Jane and Paul, a daughter, Philippa Marie, a sister for Johanna Louise. WAREHAM - On December 10th 1986, at St. Mary's Paddington, in Halen (nee Ratcliffe) and Philip, a 50z, Nicholas Christian.

WOODHEAD - On December 10th to the Month of the St. NOODHEAD . On December 10th, to Rose, wife of Nicholas, a son.

ANNIVERSARIES

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THORPE: THORRAT on December 12th. 1936 at Pathhead West Church. Kirkcaldy, John Lesile to Frances Margaret.

DEATHS ARMSTRONG On December 10th 1986. Deborah Pease, aged 76 years, wife of Hilary. Funeral at St Laurence's, Ludlow, on December 17th.

loved wife, mother and grandmother. No letters please, family flowers only, donations if wished to R.N.L.I. Cuernset. C/O Harbour Master's Office, St. Peter Port. Funeral Service took place at St Martin's Parish Church Tuesday December 9th at 10.30 am, private crematios.

BAYLY - On December 9th, peacefully at The Sue Ryder Home. Susan, sister of John and James and the late Patricia Hulme and loving and beloved zumi. Service at \$1 Botolph's Church. Swyncombe. 12 noon, Tuesday December 16th, followed by burial at Christmas Common, Donations appreciated to Sue Ryder Home. Netticeed, Oxon,

BIELI - On December 7th 1986, peacefully at Sunningdale. Phyllis Maud Eleanor, widow of Hilary Carol Howard Buil and dear and loving sister of Rarbara, in her 87th year. Funeral Service will take place at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, 9 Mile Ride. Wokingham, on Monday BAYLY - On December 9th, peacefully at The Sue Ryder Home, Susan, sis-

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CROLL. On December 9th, at the Macmillan Unit, Derek Le Mestatier, aged 63, of Milford-on-Sea, very dear husband of Anne and father of Erman, Funeral private. No flowers pleake. But if desired, Donetlons to Macmillan Caucer Trust, Christchurch Hospital. Christchurch, Dorset, or Marve Curle Memorial Foundation. 8QG.
DE VILLE On December 9th 1986, peacefully at Bury House, Bury. West Suspex. Phoebus Elizabeth Violet formerty of Publicovough, West Suspex. much loved by her family part Springs. Emperal Service at

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FRENCH: On December 10th, peacefully in hospital Edith Ans. late of Kirby-le-Soken. Essex. aged 75 years. Much loved sister and sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service on Tuesday December 16th at Wesley Crematorium at 2.45 pm. Flowers may be sent to P.G. Orley Ltd., 47 High Street. Walton-on-Naze. Essex.

ber 16th at Weeley Crematorium at 2.45 pm. Flowers may be sent to P.G. Oxley Ltd., 47 High Street. Wallon-on-Naze. Essex.

Garri. - On December 6th 1986, Dr Yousd. Cremation to be held al Golders Green Crematorium on Sunday 14th at 11am. No Bowers.

GAUNTLETT - On December 8th. peacefully at William Road.
Lymington. John Mildred Deane aged 92. formerly of St Edwards.
School Oxford, cremation Bournemouth. Thursday December 18th review noon, enquiries in Diamond and Son Lymington 0590 72060 delails of a memorial service will be announced later. Family flowers but donations to Church of England Childrens Society. 4 High/field Avenue. Lymington. Hunts.
GERKE. On December 10th 1986, peacefully at home. James Michael husband of Mary Lee and Rather of Angus. Stewart. Douglas and Donald. Cremation. family only.
MESMETH. On December 9th. peacefully at Sutton Veny House Nursing Home. Frank. CBE. LLB. aged 89. formerly of Welwyn Garden City. and Principal Assistant Solictor to the Post Office. Creatly loved as husband of the late May, father of Margaret. Ruth and Phillippa. grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on December 16th at 12 noon. Flowers to Fouris & Son. 11 Portwaly. Warminster. Wits.
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MMOK - On December 10th, Henry Murray Owen, dearly loved husband of Jane, father of Richard and Tim. Cremation at Barhara, 12.35pm, Tuesday December 16th, Family Bowers only but donations. If wished, to the imperial Cancer Research Campaign, Care of The Brett Funeral Service, 20 High Street . Sandwich, Kent Sandwich, Kent Markingham On December 11th, peacefully at St. Lake's Nursing Home. Headington, Ondord, Dr. Arthur Francis Markham O.B.E., L.L.D., aged 85, formerly Vice Chancellor of Ranchi University. A Service of Thanksgiving will be announced later.

MAY - On December 5th, Philip Reginald Aldridge MD, MRCP, FRC Psych, Professor of Psychiatry, UCLA, peacefully at home, 28820 Cliffishe Drive, Malthu, California, Son of the late Mr and Mrs R H May of Brockenhurst, beloved husband of Doctor Geneview Strwart May and dear brother of Amy Havard Jones.

MELVELE - On December 9th, si Aldeburgh, quietly after a long linear borte with coursops. Sir Eugene Melville, KCMG, belowed husband of Elizabeth, inving father of Richard, Andrea and Alec, and devoted grandiather of Abigedi. Caspar, Stran. Aurol, Rush, and Alasteir, Service in West Chapel, Colders Creen Crematorium, London, on 18th December 3th, suddenly at home, Cwrl Herbert, Bishopsion, Swansea. Thomas John, Emeritus Professor of Weish and former registrar of University of Wales, aged 70 years, the betowd husband of the late Dorothy, very dear father of John, Eisme, Dimcan, Tony and Alison, also a nuch loved grandfather and friend, Funeral takes place Monday December 15th, with parvice at John, Eisme, Dimcan, Tony and Alison, also a nuch loved grandfather and friend, Funeral takes place Monday December 15th, with parvice at John, Eisme, Dimcan, Tony and Alison, also a nuch loved grandfather and friend, Funeral takes place Monday December 15th, with parvice at John, Eisme, Dimcan, Tony and Alison, also a nuch loved grandfather and friend. Funeral takes place Monday December 15th with parvice at

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RICHARDSON - On December 8th, In hospital, Raiph Croft, dearly loved husband of Mary. Funeral has been held, Memorial service to be announced.

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RONSON - On December I Oth, suddenly, George, of 2 Hamble Court.
Broom Park. Teddington, aged 77, dearly loved husband of Dorothy and father of David and Tricia and their families. Service at Kingston Cressatorium. Bonner Hill Read, Kingston on Tuesday I 6th December at 11.30 am. Family Howers only, donations to Teddington Memorial Hospital. All enquiries in Frederick W Paine, Funeral Directors. 102, High Street, Teddington. Tet: 01 977 1527.

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THOMAS - On December 10th, sud; THOMAS - On December 10th, sud-denly at home. Bernersyde Kilmacolm, Mary, beloved wife of Sir Patrick Thomas, Reception of the body and Requiem Ducharist at St Fillans Church, bloss Road, Kilmacolm, today, Friday, at 7pm, Funeral service tumourow, Safurday December 13th at 10,30mm, Fol-lowed by private cremation, family flowers only, douations if dealred to the Earl Halp Fund Scotland or Er-sidne Hospital.

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WALRER - On December 11th, peace-fully in his sleep. Air Chief Marshal Sir Augustus (Gun) Walker, dearly beloved bushand of Brenaka, loving father of James, John and Shron. Funeral private, family flowers only, donations if desired to Royal Air Forces Association or Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, Thanksgiv-ing service will be autounced later.

WERR - On December 7th, tragically as a result of an accinent. David Christopher, Beloved eldest son of Di and Wally Webb and his wife Gillian (née Haarram) of Teltuey, Lincolnshire. All funeral enquiries to Hambrook and Johns Funeral Directors, Tel. Folkstone 55167.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

KALDOR - A Memorial Service will be held for Professor Lord Kaldor, MA. FBA. Fellow of Kings College and Emerius Professor of Economics in the University of Cambridge, at 2.30pm on Saturday 17th January 1987, in the chapet of Kings College, Cambridge.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

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Resignations and retirements
The Rev T H Child, priest-in-charge.
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Canon J P B Gardner, Vicar. Wistey
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The Rev M J M Glover, team
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Canon E Mann, Vicar. Netherton
with Grassiot, diocese of Carliste,
retired on October 31.

Canon F H W Millett, Vicar. St
Glies, Norwich, diocese of Horwich, to
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The Rev J Radciffle, Vicar, Barton
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The Rev P T C Manteder, curate,
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Warsaw **Pact** talks 'soon'

From Richard Owen and Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

Nato is to hold direct talks for the first time with the Warsaw Pact on conventional arms control "from the Atlantic to the Urals".

Preparatory talks are to begin io Vienna "as soon as possible" to establish where the new negotiations will take place and on what basis. Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, yesterday told Nato Foreign Ministers that the Western alliance was in confident mood and American foreign policy was "up and running" after recent setbacks. Signor Marcello Guidi, the

Nato Deputy Secretary-General, said Nato was ready to open talks with the Warsaw Pact to define a mandate for

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, stressed the urgeot need to give the Nato task force on conventional forces the oecessary political push to get on with its work. He said it was vital to balance cooventional as well as nuclear weapons afterthe Iceland

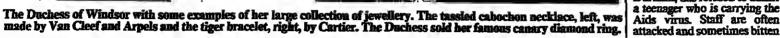
The initial Nato-Warsaw Pact contacts would not be within the framework of the Mutual and Balance Force Reduction (MBFR) talks or the European Security Review Conference (CSCE), both of which are being held in Vi-cnna, officials said. It is not clear how the new form will affect the MBFR talks, which are limited to troop levels in central Europe and have been io the doldrums for more than 13 years.

A significant aspect of yesterday's declaration is that it was approved by all 16 Nato members, including France, which does not participate in MPEP. MBFR, France had wanted the new talks to be within the framework of the Stockholm conference oo coofidencebuilding measures, which involves 35 nations, rather than bloc to bloc talks. Signor Guidi insisted that the new talks were not bloc to bloc but amounted to group negotia-tions between "16 and 7" the 16 Nato members and the

seven from the Warsaw Pact. The Brussels declaration stressed the need for effective verification in cooventional cuts, involving on-site inspeclion and detailed exchanges of information — the current sticking point at the MBFR

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By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Foreign Office admit- Whitehall sources stressed he ted yesterday that a British diplomat attended a meeting of Contra leaders in Costa Rica last month at which American officials allegedly discussed the formation of a "rebel" government in Nicar-

In the Commons Mr George Foulkes, a Labour foreign affairs spokesman, demanded a statement from Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, about a move which be later likened to sending a representative to a meeting of

Mr Tim Wilsey, First Sec-retary in San José, attended the Fourth Assembly of the Uoited Nicaraguan Opposition in San José, Costa Rica, on November 24 and 25.

was present as an observer The Foreign Office insisted that the meeting had not been secret and that the diplomat had attended as part of his duty to report developments Quoting a "very reliable source", Mr Foulkes claimed

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the meeting discussed the establishment of a provisional "rebel" government in the eastern part of Nicaragua which the US hoped would be recognized by other countries. He described the Foreign Office interpretation as naive. • MANAGUA: A Nicaraguan court yesterday confirmed a 30-year jail sentence imposed on Eugene Hasenfus, a US citizen, for running guns to anti-government rebels

Frank Johnson at the Commons

An object lesson in being boring

The marathon attempt by of bores fielded in the chamber itself.

The rest of the party is yesterday's sitting of the House could not take place has ended in victory for the Labour team.

Almost 24 hours earlier, the House had begun the reading of the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, the mea-sure which enables the Secretary of State for Education, Mr Kenneth Baker, to impose a settlement in the teachers' pay dispute. The Govern-ment wanted to get the bill

through quickly.

The Opposition had no power to stop that. But by debating it for as long as possible, the Opposition hoped to subject the Government to the inconvenience. That losing a day's business. That meant a connoisseur's night of first class boredom played under Test conditions.

Later the chief constable denied he had been advocat-Labour managed to bore on until dawn broke over a ing the introduction of harsi new laws against homosexualcomatose chamber, and went ity, prostitutioo aod pornography.

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on to achieve its objective of still droning at 2.30 in the afternoon. That was the time at which yesterday's sitting was supposed to begin.

But, under National Tedium rules, if a sitting is still continuing at a time when the next sitting is due to begin. ment moves to improve protection for policemen hav-ing to deal with criminals suspected of being infected with or carrying Aids. next sitting is due to begin, the latter sitting cannot take place. All the business which • A special school for dis-turbed children at Newton Aycliffe, near Darlington, Co Durham, has refused to admit would have been included in that sitting is deemed to be

a tecnager who is carrying the Aids virus. Staff are often At 3.24 pm, the Opposition voiced no objection to the Bill receiving its third reading because, by then, Labour had succeeded in its main objec-tive of preventing the follow

on.

If it really wants to deal with any of the business which it would otherwise which it would otherwise have dealt with yesterday, the Government will have to find

another day for it. The main debate yesterday would have been about Northern Ireland. The Government does oot care much about Northern Ireland, and so was not particularly put out by losing the husioess. That makes Labour's exercise rather

pointless. of simple Labour members who kept being woken all night to vote in the endless divisions which punctuated the match. For in all-night games of this kind the actual

play is carried by the handful

The rest of the party is slumped around the Palace of Westminster, snoring, eating successive breakfasts and voting when summoned to do so by the terrible bells When play started early on

Thursday evening, there was some doubt whether Labour could keep going for the near-24 hours required to win. This was because, as was pointed out here yesterday. most of them were teachers.

They tend to be boring enough when they have the aid of a blackboard and chalk. But they are not so hot wheo their only prop is a Commons

order paper.
As the oight wore on, the left-winger Mr Martin Flannery was the only one among of the teachers who was soporific up to inter-national standards. But, then, he is a former headmaster who would have practised over many a school speech

The Labour captain, its education spokesman, Mr Giles Radice, came in for a lot of adverse criticism as to his tactics. Know-alls denounced his team selection. He had relied too much on middle-class players like himseif, it was suggested. So at 2.32 am he put in a

miner. Mr Denois Skinoer

(Bolsover) rose and played a classic innings of nearly two hours. Much of it had only a glancing relationship with the Teachers' Pay and Con-ditions Bill.

Aoother working-class player, Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North) found an excuse to tell the House, deep in the night, that he had just returned from the picket line of Womaning Perhams he most at Wapping. Perhaps he goes that every night, or dreamt it,

or is a sleepwalker. The moment when yesterday's business was lost was an emotional one. The digital clock reached 2.30pm. Various Tories immediately complained that the

day's Prime Ministerial ques-tion time had been lost and the House would not enjoy the spectacle of the Prime But to put too much Minister bludgeoning Mr emphasis on that would be to undermine the faith of scores ons, the Wright trial, and his ons, the Wright trial, and his lonely wanderings in the United States. That explained everything.

The Chamber was strewn with the debris of the long oight. And that was only the

The Queen arrives at Doo-caster Station, 9.45; visits Doncaster Leisure Centre, 10.05; arrives at the Brampton Centre, Town Hall for lunch, 12.15; later visits Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, Hillsborough, 2.30; Sheffield Assay Offices, 3.15; Sheffield Town Hall, 3.45, leaves from Sheffield Station,

University, 4.10. Princess Alexandra attends

gala performance of "Cind-crella" in aid of the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen at the Richmond Theatre, Rich-mond, Surrey, 7.35.

New exhibitions

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17.227

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

11: Barnsley Chuncil for Vol-untary Services, 11.45: Barnsley

The gifts of love that King Edward VIII lavished on Wai-

lis Simpson will go under the

hammer next spring.

The sale of the Duchess of Windsor's fabulous collection

of jewels will take place at Sotheby's in Geneva on April

2 and 3 and is expected to raise

over £5 million for the Institut Pasteur – the beneficiary of

The most emotive pieces

will be those that chart the

royal romance in loving inscriptions. The 30 pieces

dedicated to the woman who

captured the heart of the King,

captured the neart of the king, include the ruby necklace given to Mrs Simpson on her 40th birthday in 1936, inscribed "My Wallis from her David" and the sapphire and diamond bracelet from Van

Cleef and Arpels that the King gave her on their marriage. Wallis Simpson's bracelet

of gold crosses, which scan-dalized the world when worn with scanty beach clothes on

the Windsor estate.

cellor, presides at the Honorary Degree Ceremonies at Surrey

Alfred Munnings' paintings:

5 Assemble and leave withou great upheaval (10).

7 Stirring love song doesn't start, nor does love (2,3,4).

Boat turning up in the is land out east (5).

Welsh engineers first to sup-ply material (8).

Analogous to (2,3,5).

15 Crazy flag here (2,3,4).

22 He wrote on Friday (5).

25 Shut out, like this (4).

24 Creature seen in summ

Solution to Puzzle No 17,226

17 A dilettante as stroke (9).

21 Figure socially acceptable in

tablet for tooth troubi

1 (-) Labyrinth 2(2) The Mission 3(1) Top Gun 4(3) Round Midnight 4(3) Flound Mid 5(5) Mona lisa

5 (5) Morra issa 6(10) A Room with a View 7 (7) Running Scared 6 (6) Big Trouble in Little China 9 (4) Huthless People 10 (8) Trus Stories The top films in the pr 1 Top Gun



Retail Price Index: 388.4

Births: Gustave Flanber Rouen, 1821; Edvard Munci painter, Löten, Norway, 1863. Deaths: Sir Marc Isambar

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Debates on private Members' motions on defence projects and exports and on employment and train-

Christmas post

Food prices

Deciding what meat to have present a problem. So much depends on the size of the party, and if it is a big gathering, turker is an economical choice. How ever, beef and goose have an

meat to bone ratin. Ynu will need at least 1 lb per person. Prices vary. A local butcher is selling at £1.75 per lb whereas at

Meat and poultry on production in shops and supermarkets include: Presto, topside of beef £1.88 per lb, boueless shoulder of pork £1.99 per lb; Tesco, whole shoulder of lamb 69p per lb and British Standard Grade A woolly cheap ones. Grapes are plentiful and cheap. New is early forced rhubarb at 55 to 60p per lb and Jamaican Uglie fruit 50p to £1.00 each.

A frontal system will affect northern and western areas. England and Wales will have a mostly bright and drytreme SE. During the afternoon, cloud will thicken over Wales, W and N England bringing some rain. After a bright start, with a few showers in E Scotland, wet and very windy weather, already over Northern Ireland at dawn, will spread quickly NE to affect all N Britain. The far NW will turn clearer, but with showers during the evening. Outlook for tomorrow and Sanday: Showers or longer spells of rain on Saturday. Some dry and bright weather on Sunday, showers in the N.

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ACROSS 1 Teachers' return is capital

4 Row about firm involving fraud (9). 9 Mark, comprising unused note or coin (9).

10 Greek story (5). 11 Bird with magical powers? 12 The reasons advanced are

not about to stick (8). 14 Hairy Hugo can't do with dishevelment (5-3-2). 16 Search for honey (4). 19 Emotion that enemy dis-

plays (4). 20 Those seeded need good luck (3,3,4). 22 Colour fades. cheese!", I say (8).

23 Turned into an round river (6). 26 Jack finishes off water, to

Jill's regret (5). 27 Found out about judge in novel (7-2). 28 Refreshment for cricketers? Yes, after the start (9).

29 Stay sticky (5).

I An international strike for

practice? (4,5). 2 French city incomplete? By no means! (5). 3 To be honest, that rig's out

of order (8).

PROVERS STATES

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The Prince of Wales visits the Gloucestershire Association for the Disabled at Stuart House, Minchinhampton, 2.30.

The Duke of Kent, as Chan
Modern works bequeathed by London:

Athenaeum Gallery, Princess Street, Manchester (ends Jan 25).

Last Chance to see Modern works bequeathed by London:

Molly Freeman; Eldon Gallery Ashmolean Museum, Oxford Tue to Sat 10 - 4. Sun 2 - 4. The Forest: Southampton Ar Gallery, Civic Centre, Southmpton. Paintings by T.P.Flanaga

Fermanagh County Museum Enniskillen, 10 - 1, 2 - 5. Quintessence of Landscape and Bronze Age Moor by Marie Walker Last, and recent drawings and prints by Barry Her-bert, University of Leeds gallery, Leeds, 10 - 5.

Artists in Handsworth; Holyhead Community School, Florence Road, Handsworth, Birm-Music

Mondrian Trio, Kelso High School, Keiso. Regional Primary/Secondary Choir and String Orchestra, St Ronan's Primary School, Inner leithen, 6.30.

Organ Recital by Peter Good-nan. Hull City Hall, Hull, 12.30. Chamber Ensemble of the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, West Somerset School, Minehead, 8.

Christmas musical entertain nent with Peter Medhurst and ment with Peter Mediturst and Jacqueline Edwards; Saltram House, Plymouth, 7.45. Scottish Nanonal Orchestra conducted by Necme Järvi; Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 7.30. Ladies of the Leicester Phil-harmonic Cheurs, De Montfer harmonic Chorus; De Montfort Hall, Leicester, 7.30. St Edmund's School Carol Service; Cathedral Church of Christ, Canterbury, 7.30.

General Live broadcast of Radin 4's Any Questions, St George's Brandon Hill, Bristol, 7.30.

Roads

London and South-east A20: Delays, lane closures and di-versions between Perry Street and Chislehurst Road, Sidcup. A10: Resurfacing northbound between Hoddesdon and Rush Green interchanges. Aldershot: Road race, avoid town between 10 am and noon.

nds: MS: Major worl betwen functions 5 (Droitwich) and 8 (Worcester North). Northbound entry at junction 6 closed. A458-Bypass building at Bewdley, severe: congestion. Mit: Peak time delays between junctions 15 and 16 near Northernites.

Northampton.
Northampton.
North: M6: Delays between junctions 29 and 32 (Chesterfield/M18).
M63: Lane restrictions and stip road closures at Barton Bridge, severe peak time delays.A1: Major repairs and contratiow at Brotherton bypass, West Yorkshire, diversions. Weles and the west: M4:
Contration between juricions 16
and 17 (Swindon and Chippenham).
NEt: Lane closures between juricions 27 and 28 (Tiverton/Horiston).
A55: Single line between Gobowen
and Chirk, Chuyd, long delays.

Scottand: A75: Single line three miles east of Glentuce, delays. A77: Two sets of roedworks between Glasgow and Ayr. delays. A198: Closed at the east end of Abelady AA yd beilggus notter

3 Hunning Scared 4 Psycho III 5 Big Trouble in Little China

pair of quintenssentially 1940s diamond clips containing stones of 40.8 and 52 carats.

Mr David Bennett, who first

viewed the collection for Sotheby's in a Paris bank

vault two weeks ago says: "It is such an amazing collection because it shows great taste, not just an agglomeration of

jewels. It was a very moving

experience for me. The inscriptions give the feeling of

this great love affair,"
Some of the Dachess's

jewellery was sold privately during her twilight years. These pieces included her

The Duchess of Windsor's

jewellery will be considered the sale of the century by jewellery historians

Top video rentals

1 (1) Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 2 (2) Fright Night 3 (4) Spies Like Us 4 (8) Santa Claus: The Movie 5 (3) Teen Wolf 6 (11) Silver Bullet 7 (5) The Delta Force 8 (7) The Howling 2 9 (6) Death Wish 3 10(16) Dernons

The pound



Anniversaries

Brunel, London, 1849; Rober Browning, Venice, 1889; Doug las Fairbanks, Santa Monica California, 1939; Talbalah Ban khead, actress, New York, 1968.

Today is the latest recom-mended date for posting air mail, Christmas cards, printed papers, letters and postcards to most European and eastern European countries.

The problem with goose is the

selling at £1.75 per lb whereas at a well-known large store a 9lb goose costs just over £26 and a 12lb bird a little over £34. A large rib of bet£at an average price of £1.54 per lb is well worth thinking about.

Home produced lamb prices have soared this week Leg. chops and shoulder are up by about 6p per lb. New Zealand lamb leg is also up by 6p per lb but the other cuts show just o marginal increase. marginal increase.

Meat and poultry on promo-

whole shoulder of lamb 69p per lb and British Standard Grade A oven ready frozen turkey 54p per lb: Dewkurst Dewfresh fresh style frozen turkey 89p per lb and large roasting chickens 59p per lb; Fine Fare frozen leg of pork 99p per lb. Red Delicious apples from Canada 39 to 55p per lb are now widely available. They are crisp and juicy and look wonderful. Best Coxes 25p to 45p per lb are also good but to 45p per lb are also good but there are quite o lot of rather

to £1.00 each.

Watercress 25 to 35p a bunch.
Chinese leaves 40 to 55p a head.
Royal Bectroot 12 to 20p per lb
and tomatoes 40 to 70p per lb
are the best salad buys.

All home grown vegetables
are plentiful and cheap. Brussel
sprouts 9 to 20p per lb, English
winter cabbage 15 to 20p per lb,
carrots 10 to 18p, parsnips 18 to
30p, courgettes 50 to 90p,
broccoli 50 to 70p per lb are
among the best buys.

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Wall Street

'enraged' at hi-tech abuses

From Bailey Morris, Washington

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 1986

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET FT 30 Share 1284.7 (-0.8) FT-SE 100 1634.0 (-0.6) 31290 (31309)

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THE POUND **US Dollar**

1.4235 (-0.0015) W German mark 2.8698 (+0.0070) Trade-weighted 68.3 (+0.1)

Offer for **Bryant** 'derisory'

The £133 million bid from English China Clays for Bry-ani Holdings is "derisory" and ignores the company's record and prospects, Mr Chris Bry-ant, chairman of Bryant, said in the firm's defence

document. He claimed that the docu-ment demolished ECC's claims to be a more efficient housebuilder than Bryant, It pointed to Bryant's quality and strength, saying that ECC's approach was "incoher-ent and confission".

ent and confusing."

But Mr Bob Carlton Porter, ECC's finance director, said that he did not believe that Bryant had addressed the principal points raised by ECC.

DTI inquiry

The Department of Trade and Industry has named two inspectors to investigate the shareholder membership of Consolidated Gold Fields. They are Mr George Warren, a solicitor, and Mr David Anton, a chartered accountant, both of Deloitte Haskins &

GUS growth

Great Universal Stores, the mail order, retail and finance group, continued its 36-year record of unbroken profits advance by making £134.4 million pretax in the six months to the end September.

P&O in talks

P&O is in talks with British Land, the property company, to sell its half share in Euston Centre Properties. British Land owns the other half.

l horn launch

Thorn EMI, the electricals group, launched a £60 million Eurohond. The five-year bonds, 15 per cent of which went to Swiss investors, rose rapidly to a premium.

Lift off

Air America, the two-year-old US airline which is a quarter owned by its staff, is launching on Monday a twiceweekly transatlantic service from Gatwick to Baltimore-Washington and Los Angeles. Introductory single fares of £139 to Washington and £199 in Los Angeles will be offerd.

Dee advance

Dee Corporation, the super-

market group, announced a 30 per cent jump in its interim profits to £78.2 million for the 28 weeks to November 8. Turnover was up by 21 per cent to £2.5 hillion. The dividend is increased by 7 per Tempus, page 30

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MARKET SUMMARY MAIN PRICE CHANGES STOCK MARKETS

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INTEREST RATES	FALLS: Pikington Bros 617p (-12p) Wagon Ind 254p (-14p) Flexello C&W
London: Bank Base: 11%	Avon Rubber 372p (-14p)

London: Bank Base: 11% 2-month Interbank 11%-11%% 5-month eligible bills:10²³::-¹¹:d% buving rate US: Prime Rate 71/5% Federal Funds 51316%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.48-5.46%*
30-year bonds 1011316-10174*

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Avon Rubber Prices are as at 4pm

NORTH SEA OIL Brent (Jan) pm \$14.85 bb(\$14.60)
• Denotes latest trading price

Accord with Treasury on growth

Bank boosts optimism

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Bank of England is these two fronts, the balance sumes a rise in the oil price to optimistic about the prospects of payments deficit could be for the economy next year. larger and longer-lasting than Growth is re-emerging in all is comfortable. "The extent and duration of the major economies and

should continue, it says in its latest Quarterly Bulletin. The Bank is in accord with the deficit depends on industry's response to its present trading opport-unities," the Bulletin says. "It would be most regrettable if the Treasury – gross domestic. product to expand by 3 per cent, inflation contained at close to 4 per cent and a current account deficit of beuncertainties about sterling slowed industry's supply

main impetus coming from

Stronger consumer spending.
The resumption of steady

economic growth abroad, and a more competitive exchange

rate, present great opportu-nities to make progress in

overcoming some long-stand-ing problems in unemploy-ment and a declining non-oil industrial base," the Bank

says. Non-inflationary growth is

within Britain's grasp, according to the Bank's economists.

The main uncertainties are

the supply response of in-dustry to the lower exchange

rate and its ability to contain

On the production line: turnround in fortunes

Westland

flies

into profit

Westland, the rescued heli-

copter group, yesterday re-ported a turnround in profits of more than £120 million in

the year to the end of Septem-

Pretax profits of £26.4 mil-

lion were announced com-

pared with a loss of £95.3

million in 1984-85. However,

gross profits fell slightly from £46.3 million to £45.1 million

on turnover 12 per cent higher

A proposed financial

reconstruction supported by the Westland board involving Sikorsky, part of the US company United Technologies, and the Italian group Fiat during its last financial

The alternative was a European consortium. The ensuing

furore led to the resignation: of Mr Michael Heseltine and Mr Leon Britten.

Sir John Cuckney, the chair

man of Westland, said of the results: "We have had an encouraging start at rehabili-tating Westland and are work-

ing closely and effectively with Sikorsky and Fiat."

at £344.4 million.

year, was contested.

tween £1 hillion and £2 The Bank of England, like the Chancellor, favours stabil-Output growth has resumed in the major economies after a lull earlier this year, with the ity for sterling However, its forecast for

world economic prospects as-Investment to rise sharply

Investment by British industry is to rise sharply,
according to the Department
of Trade and Industry's latest
Investment Intentions Survey.
Investment is forecast to
rise by 6 per cent in 1987 and
in 1988.
Manufacturing investment

Manufacturing investment is forecast to rise by 2 per cent next year to £6.95 billion in 1980 prices — its highest level since the late 1970s.

The survey suggests substantial strengthening

\$20 a barrel by early 1988, which could push sterling

siginificantly higher. The Bank is concerned also about wages growth and the fact that earnings in the public sector appear to be accelerating in order to catch up with private sector increases.

"Any convergence should be towards a lower rate of earnings growth," the Bank says, "so the greatest need is for pay moderation in industry."

The Bank also favours in-creased flexibility of regional and occupational pay

Monetary conditions have been tightened, as indicated by the steady exchange rate, slower growth in equity and house prices and the high level of real after-tax interest rates, the Bank says.

While satisfied with the current level for sterling, the economists at the Bank do not believe that the dollar has fallen far enough to correct the huge Americancurrent account deficit

The US current account is forecast to stabilize at \$125 billion (about £88 billion)

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suspecting insider dealing.
A spokesman for L Messel & Co, the stockbroker, said yesterday the purchase had been made through Messel for one of its institutional clients. The block trade was done

for an institutional client, and we have reported this fact to the Stock Exchange," he said. The spokesman refused to identify the client, but said Messel had given the Ex-change the names of the institution and the buyer. Asked whether the hoyer had been dealing on his own to 29 per cent.

The Stock Exchange inquiry was requested by Ward White last week after reports in the Wall Street Journal. It is understood that the

trade was made at 5.35pm on October 21 through Messel, acting as an agency broker, and that it was executed via Barclays de Zoete Wedd, acting as market-maker. An Exchange spokesman would say only that the

Exchange's inquiry was proceeding.
The hostile bid for LCP by Ward White has intensified. Ward White has raised its offer from about £150 million in £174 million, and taken its stake in LCP from 8 per cent

Seaq trading to shut down two hours early By Richard Lander

trading in international securi-ties, the Stock Exchange's Seaq screen share-quotation system is cutting two hours from its operating times from The exchange said that until the end of January, Seaq will close each day at 6pm instead

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

Cash card machines are

causing the public more

aggravation than any other

banking service, according to

the Banking Ombudsman's

The Omhudsman, Mr Ian Edwards-Jones QC, said that,

of a total of 782 complaints to

the new body, 85 concerned disputed withdrawals from cash machines. Customers

usually complained that the

machine had given less cash

But Mr Edwards-Jones

pointed out that, with more

than 350 million cash ma-

chine transactions annually, it

was no surprise that there

The next most common

complaint - there were 58 in

the category - was about

irregularities in the conduct of

bank accounts. This meant

that banks had either done

something they should not

have done, or had omitted to

do something for which a

Bank charges came a close third, with 54 complaints.

Most of the complaints were

customer had asked.

settlement.

were "occasional hiccups."

than they had sought.

first annual report.

Amid all the talk of a global test the way they use Seaq and village and round-the-clock to train operators to use the exchange's own "level three" personal computer work sta-An exchange spokesman

said the system was little used after 6pm. He explained: "When we set up at Big Bang. 8pm seemed like a good time. Now, everyone seems to want of the present 8pm. It said the to go home at 6pm, unless extra two hours in the evening will allow market-makers in they want to train staff or test the system.

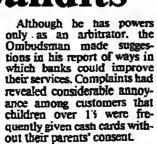


Ian Edward-Jones: Rise in complaints likely

settled in favour of the customer, although the banks had not admitted to being in the wrong. A total of 63 complaints have been settled or were under consideration.

The Ombudsman was set up by the banks at the beginning of this year to act as an independent arbitrator in disputes between banks and the public in cases the banks' own disputes proceedures had failed to solve. The 19 bank members of the scheme have 33 million customers - 99 per cent of all bank customers in

either ineligible or were with-drawn, while only 26 had so The cost of the Ombudsman - paid by the banks far reached an arbitrated was £230.000 during the year, and it will rise to £336,000 Mr Edwards-Jones said that all but three of these had been



The Ombudaman recommended that banks should not send out personal identification numbers to use with credit cards in cash machines without first asking customers if they wanted a number. Banks should also give fuller information about the costs of borrowing.

The complaints ranged over 130 subjects. Mr Edwards-Jones said that it was likely that the number of complaints would rise next year as the public became more aware of the Ombudsman through advertising at bank branches. He added that the scheme had produced benefits apart from settling individual

The Ombudsman had been able to correct customer-bank misunderstandings at an early stage, it could persuade banks to reconsider complaints without having in resort to a formal ruling under the scheme and it had helped to sharpen the banks's own complaints proceedures.



BT rings in with £1bn at half-time

By John Bell, City Editor

About £160 million has been

allocated to moderaizing the

public pay-phone service.

than there were two years ago;

more than half have modern

equipment and many accept

improvements being in-

troduced have been developed

in the company's own research

laboratories, which spend £180 million a year on re-search and development. BT's half-year figures were 11.5 per cent higher than in

Sales increased 14 per cent

Shareholders are to receive

the previous year.

to £4.614 million.

honecards, BT said. Many of the technical

British Telecom is investing More than £100 million is record £2.1 billion on sysbeing spent on computerizing being spent on computerizing tems and services, with the aim of matching the best telecommunications comthe directory inquiry and customer service systems as part of a £700 million computeriza-

panies around the world.
"We suffer from an antiquated telephone network and antiquated exchanges and they have to be replaced." Mr. Graeme Odger, the deputy chairman, said yesterday when presenting £1.006 billion half-time profits.

British Telecom, whose chairman is Sir George Jeffermen between the profit of the p

son, has announced its spendbe 35 per cent higher than it was in 1984, the year the company was privatized.

BT's continuing strength made it possible to invest more than it was not before in investment.

than ever before in improving its service to customers and ensuring the future prosperity of the company for sharehold-ers and staff alike, Mr Odger More than £450 million has been earmerked for modern

digital exchanges, which are being installed at the rate of one every working day.

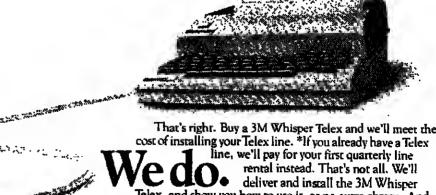
The company has already laid more than 100,000 miles of optical fibre, proportionally

more than any other country, enabling faster and clearer "Our service is already

noticeably better than it was in that respect," said Mr Odger. Cash card machines top Ombudsman list

an interim dividend of 3.35p However, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, who replaced Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani as Saudi per share, almost 12 per cent very soon. up on 1985. Who picks up the bill for your Telex line when you buy a

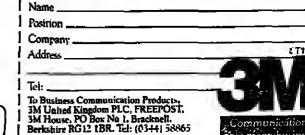
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Mr John Phelan, chairman tion about takeovers is disof the New York Stock Ex- closed be shortened and change, yesterday called for communicated better to the sweeping reforms of securities market and to government. markets to "slam the window" He urged regulators to slow on insider trading abuses. Mr Phelan offered a bluedown the process in which Mr Phelan offered a blue-print for action in his first should be complimented by a Congress appearance since the ruling requiring corporations in takeovers to answer yes or Mr Ivan Boesky and Mr Dennis Levine were revealed. no when queried by the SEC. "The acceptance over the He said that he and his past several years by the SEC

institution were "enraged", of a 'no comment' response and said that technological was appropriate for that time advances had created some of the conditions for abuses which had existed during the which had existed during the said.

Mr Phelan called for a full-reply region of the artivities. Mr Phelan called for a full-scale review of the activities Specifically, he referred to the practices of "risk arbitra-geurs", which he described as and obligations of arbitrageurs in the market place. With "junk bonds", he said the danger which existed was a a form of speculative trading "concentration of assets" es-

pecially with regard to financial institutions. He said time did not permit a full discussion of the risks posed by the international-ization of financial markets. But added that it was an area which governments and finan-cial officials should examine

Also appearing before the committee was Mr John Shad, chairman of the SEC. He said the case against Mr Boesky should be regarded positively rather than negatively by Congressional officials deter-mined to enact new reforms.

"In 1981, well-known publications were reporting that insider trading was so pervasive nothing could be done," he said. However, the fact that the largest insider trading case in SEC history was brought against Mr Boesky is proof that the

system is working. Nonetheless, Mr Shad said last week that he would seek a record increase in the agency's enforcement hudget to do a better job in patrolling

He called for a re-examina-tion by regulatory authorities of the definition of insider trading to close what he called markets. Mr Dingell said the public's confidence had been severely a "structural problem in our shaken and must be restored in the new Congress for the He asked that the timespan market place to perform in which important informa- effectively.

Saudis hold Opec key to higher oil price

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

to send world oil price back in the organization Saudi will upwards with Saudi Arabia's have to cut its output if Opec new oil minister apparently holding the key to a solution. The majority of member the 16 million which the oil

ticated electronic systems which now control markets

had created "a relatively new

phenonemon"

countries have accepted that output cuts will have to be made if Opec is to achieve its goal of sending prices up to \$18 by January 1.

The oil ministers of the 13 oil minister, has yet to reveal Opec nations yesterday in his country's position.

General stated their attempt As the largest oil producers is to reduce its overrall production from its present 17 million barrels a day to nearer

> industry says is necessary Sheikh Nazer refused to be drawn into a public debate on the issue. He hoped that Opec would be in a position to achieve an \$18 barrel price Scraping the barrel, page 25

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New York (Reuter) - Wall to 4 on a volume of 22 million. Street shares were mixed in moderate trading as blue chips drew strength from Owens, Illinois, a Dow average compoment stock that rose sharply after news that it had received

The broader market was lower after being hurt by some early futures-related sell

programmes.
The Dow Jones industrial average rose eight points to 1941. Declines led advances 7

sales gain 0.5% to on buyout offer

> gained 11/4 to 1291/4. Ameritail sales in the US rose by can Express fell 3/s to 595/9 \$634 million (£452 million), or 0.5 per cent, in November The transport index was to a seasonally adjusted figure of \$122.3 billion, the Comdown 0.60 to 844.71. The

> merce Department said yesby 0.29 to 211.94. The New York Stock Ex-The moderate increase change composite index was 143.08, down 0.38 while the Standard and Poor's 100 index

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utilities index was down also,

came after a revised drop of \$6.7 billion, or 5.2 per cent, in October. Previously, the was down 0.62 to 238.16. department said sales in October had fallen 5 per cent. Without car sales, which fell \$189 millioo in November, sales for the month were up \$823 million, or 0.9 per cent,

to \$94.2 billion, the depart-The November fall in car sales came after a decline in October sales of \$7 billion, or 19.9 per cent.

The department said the 0.9 per cent rise in sales, excluding cars, for November was the highest since July 1985 when sales were up 1 per cent.

Retail sales, which had risen for six consecutive months before the October drop, have resumed an upward trend. Sales of durable goods rose by \$137 million, or 0.3 per cent, to \$47.7 billion after a

fall of \$7 billion, or 12.9 per cent, in October. Sales of non-durable goods rose by \$497 million, or 0.7 per cent, to \$74.53 hillion after a rise of \$319 million in

October. Gains in non-durable sales included an increase in sales of \$304 million to \$23.76 billion for grocery stores, as well as a \$39 million gain, up to \$6.9 billion, in sales for petrol stations.

 Washiogton (AP-Dow Jones) - Initial claims for state unemployment insur-ance fell 14,000 to 350,000 in the week to November 29, the Labour Department said yesterday. The figure stood at 364,000 a week earlier.

in the week to November 22, 2,417,000 were receiving state unemployment benefits, down 206,000 from the pre-vious week's unrevised 2,623,000. The number receiving unemployment benefits as a percentage of those covered by unemployment insurance fell to 2.6 per cent in the same week.

Polly Peck to buy Russell **US** retail

Polly Peck International. the fruit packaging, electronics, textiles, and mineral bottling group run by Mr Asil Nadir, is buying Russell Hobbs and Tower House-

wares from TI Group for £12 million cash. Mr Nadir said the acquisitions would be a further step in the company's strategy

of expanding internationally. Russell Hobbs is known for its automatic electric kettles, toasters, fryers, irons and coffee makers. Tower is best known for domestic pots and pans, pressure cookers, slow cookers, fryers, kettles and andwich toasters.

Polly Peck has been keen for some time to diversify geographically away from its strong dependence on Turkey and Northern Cyprus.

gone to the Government from

the Co-operative Development

Agency, which receives aid of

£200,000 a year to boost the

growth of industrial and

The number of co-operatives

has risen in the past two years from 900 to about 1,400.

However, Mr Ralph Woolf,

the CDA chairman, gives a

warning in the agency's annual

report of "opportunities missed and hopes under-ful-filled because of the lack of

The value in real terms of

aid has fallen by two thirds

"Problems will not be solved

hy throwing money at them. But there is a line between-

profligacy and parsimony which we are ready to tread,"

The CDA deserves "rad-

ically improved funding," he says. The plea is also aimed at

the private sector which has

Mr Woolf says: "Alter the

scale of our resources and we

have the plans and the people

The rate of growth in num-

orted the CDA.

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since 1983, he says.

mmercial co-operatives.

Industrial co-ops

want more cash

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

plea for more cash has bers of co-operatives has eased

this year.

However the number of

inquiries to the CDA about co-

operatives rose by a tenth in the past year to 2,510, a quarter of them from those

The CDA is continuing to

open the way for two new

kinds of co-operative. The

first, the marketing co-op-

erative, is to help small busi-nesses to market themselves

more effectively by belonging

to a stronger grouping.

The other is the equity co-

operative providing a structure for obtaining risk capital more readily. Four co-operatives are

There are new 16 co-op-

erative support organizations which give local help to co-

using this structure.

interested in start-ups



Asil Nadir: 'acquisitions part of an international strategy The acquisitions will pro- natural extension of the company's consumer electvide a strong manufacturing ronics business in Turkey, base in Britain from which to assembling televisions and market the two famous brand video-recorders. names internationally, the

Polly Peck is particularly keen to expand exports of company said. Mr Mark Ellis, joint manag-ing director of Polly Peck, said Russell Hobbs and Tower products. At present they ac- World and Glow-worm. the businesses would be a

count for only 15 per ceot of

The company wants to build more of a presence io Britain. It has some textile manufacturing in the Britain through Wearwell, which has diminished and is no longer large enough to mop up the company's unrelieved Advanced Corporation Tax.

claiming back commission TI said Russell Hobbs and which they have paid to the Tower were only small applibanks and societies on sales of ance businesses and did oot fit life assurance-related products with the company's basic Securities and Investments Board, the City watchdog, to

strategic direction. TI is restructuring the company to concentrate oo the core areas of specialized steel tubes, specialized engineering, automative and cycles.

It is keeping its cooking and heating domestic appliances businesses, whose best known names include Creda, New

BSC buys Dutch steel stockholder

The British Steel Corpora-tion, which is top of the list for privatization if the Conser-However, steel output in vatives win the next election, yesterday continued its drive to become a more international company with the takeover of a long-established Dutch steel stockholder.

The acquisition of Feyen Stalservice, of Maastricht, will give BSC an outlet in Europe on top of its one

German and three French A BSC spokesman said that the deal - the price was oot disclosed - highlighted the corporation's commitment to provide European customers with a fully competitive service. BSC already opeated a major distribution octwork in Britain, and the Dutch acquisition was a logical extension of marketing policies.

Feyan has the ability to handle carbon and stainless steels and aluminium.

Latest production figures for BSC and the privatelyowned steel sector, published today, show that production in the first 11 months of the year averaged 283,000 tonnes a week, a fail of 7.4 per cent on

November alooe was 331,600 tonnes a week, 6 per cent than in November

BSC and the British Independent Steel Producers' Association said that, while production was well maintained in the major steelmaking centres, output for some oil-related products such as seamless tubes and pipes - on which much of the Scottish steel industry depends - remaioed low.

Meanwhile, the British Scrap Federation reported a marked decline in exports of ferrous scrap.

The federation said that exports this year were unlikely to exceed 3.9 millioo tonnes compared with 4.5 million tonnes in 1985.

• Mr Robert Scholey, chair-man of BSC, has been made a honorary doctor of engineering by Sheffield University to contributioo" to the British

The challenge comes from Mr Clive Wolman, a journal ist on the Financial Times, who is suiog National West-minster Bank for the return of commission that it earned for arranging an endowment mortgage on his behalf with the Norwich Union.

Mr Wolman is claiming that the bank was acting as his agent in arranging the endowment mortgage and was there-fore legally obliged to disclose to him both the fact and the amount of commission it was

Challenge

over life

assurance

earnings

By Lawrence Lever

societies are facing a legal

challenge to their practice of

not disclosing the amount of

commission they carn on sales

It could, if successful, lead

And it could also force the

revise its controversial pro-posed rules oo disclosure of

commission.

to thousands of investors

of life assurance products.

The banks and ouilding

earning. Mr Wolman's solicitors last week served a High Court writ on the bank claiming return of the commission - estimated to be about £500 - plus interest, damages and costs.

The legal position of an agent earning life assurance commission has not previously been formally tested in the law courts.

The case poses a threat to the £250 million-plus commissions earned by the banks and the building societies from endowment policies.

At the moment, solicitors and accountants are obliged by their professional codes to disclose the amount of commission they carn.

The SIB - which lays down the benchmark for investor protection - has decreed that intermediaries selling life assurance do not need to disclose the amount of commission they earn, provided that they sell products of life companies party to a voluntary commissions agreement,

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mechanical and electrical engineering group, rose nearly 60 per cent from £11.1 million to £17.7 millioo in the year to October 3, oo turnover up 28 per cent to £164.1 million. British activities improved, but overseas subsidiaries de-

this year, boosted the elec-trical division's operating profits from £3.5 million to £8.5 million. The bearings divisioo made operating profits of £10.5 million, and the fasteners division was up 15 per cent to £596,000 profit. The total dividend was

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Avon set to raise £10.8m By Richard Lander

Avon Rubber, the tyres,

ioflatable craft and industrial polymers group, is making a one-for-four rights call to raise £10.8 million.

The money will be used to remance three recent ac quisitions and provide funds

for oew growth opportunities. The rights issue was announced along with the annual figures which showed pretax profits rising from £4.5 million to £6.09 million on turnover of £296.1 million.

Mr Tony Mitchard, the chief executive, described the margins as very unsatisafctory and said the company would continue its restructuring programme which will involve 750 redundancies

The main thrust of Avon's growth has come from the industrial polymer division whose products include respirators for military personnel and hovercraft skirt systems.

The tyre market, which plunged the group into loss in the early 1980s, remains very tough, while the inflatables division has suffered from a lack of military orders.

Avon shares fell 17p to 369p while the new rights paper is being offered at 335p.

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Barclay brothers may sell their 10% stake in IC Gas

By Carol Leonard

The state of the s

million hid from Gulf Re-sources for Imperial Conti-scperate publicly quoted units, neotal Gas to the Monopolies Commission could put an end to the bid once and for all.

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Talk in the market that the Barclay brothers, who control Gulf. had already sold their 10.6 per cent stake in IC Gas is not true, but such a sale may not be far away.

Mr David Barclay said yesterday: "We still have our stake, but we are reviewing the situation at this very

He said that they have "at least a week" to decide whether to stay with their hid

• The recovery of a number of diamonds from the Argyle Mine in Australia is causing analysts to look favourably on Ashton Mining, which has a 38 per cent stake in the project. Eldred Halton of Grieveson Grant is one of those backing Ashton. Its shares closed at 115p yesterday.

throughout a lengthy Monoplies Commission reference, or walk away.

The demerger plans pro-posed by the IC Gas board oo Wednesday are broadly the same as the plans being proposed by the Barclay brothers. the Belgian oil exploration

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The referral of the £730 And the prospect of a comooe containing its Belgian iovestments and the other comprising Calor Gas and its oil exploration interests, yes-terday boosted the IC Gas share price by 24p to 552p.

Market men believe that such a split would cause the company's share price to more accurately reflect its asset value and it is this belief that caused yesterday's rise.

If the IC Gas directors go ahead with these proposals, they would virtually destroy the argument being put forward by the Barclays.

Mr Brian Wilmot, the fi-nance director at IC Gas, said yesterday that the company had every intention of going ahead with the proposals, subject to tax clearance. He explained: "We applied

to the Inland Revenue for clearance about three weeks ago and we hope to hear before Christmas." Some brokers still believe,

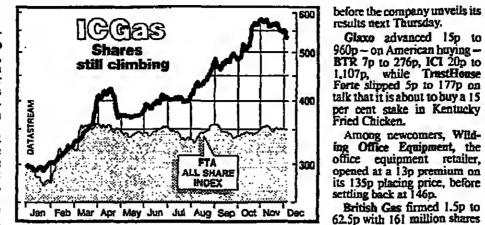
however, that if the Barclays sell their stake, it may be picked up by yet another predator. They say that if another bid is launehed, it will have to be an agreed deal. The company most frequently mentioned as a possible friendly bidder is Petrofina,

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company in which I C Gas has Stocks moved ahead by as a 7 per cent stake. Petrofina much as £14 at the longer end has better asset backing than and by £4 in the shorts. Some Gulf and has only minor interests in Britain and so would be more likely to escape a reference to the Monopolies

Elsewhere, the stock market was quietly firm, although it closed off its best level of the day. The FT-SE 100 index had gained 6.4 points by 10 am but closed 0.6 of a point lower at 1,634.0. The FT 30 share index, up 7 points by 10 am, closed just 0.8 lower at The gift-edged market saw a

burst of trading after lunch following the suggestion, in the Bank of England's Quarterly Bulletin, that oil will reach \$20 a barrel by 1988.

between now and the end of January.

Analysts say any predator would be well advised to strike

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traders complained that a number of firms were trading in gilts ahead of the official 5.30 pm bulletin embargo.

Among blue-chip equities, Grand Metropolitan, the hotels and brewing group, gained a further 14p to 472p, making a two-day rise of 25p, following the article in this column, predicting a consortium bid for the group. More than 8 millioo shares changed hands in the stock market yesterday. Buyers are being lined up for parts of the husiness and the bid could materialize anytime between now and the end of

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Bank of England sings the Treasury's tune

TOSINESS AND FINANCE

he Bank of England has always countries' balance of payments are resisted the popular notion that it is the Chancellor of the Exchequer's poodle. But the assessment contained in its latest Quarterly Bulletin is either a remarkable example of powerful minds in harmony or the result of the Bank's over-indulging in

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The Bank thinks that the Treasury's inflation projections are quite reasonable; that British exporters will be sufficiently spurred by the devalued pound to bring the current account back to surplus; and that monetary conditions - since the raising of bank base rates in October - are broadly satisfactory. The Bank finds no argument with the Treasury's forecast of a £1-£2 billion current account deficit next year, or of inflation rising to 4 per cent but not more.

All this is based on a Treasury assumption that the oil price will remain at \$15 a barrel. Later in the Bulletin, when the Bank comes on to world economic prospects, we find that the in-house view is that oil prices will rise from the present \$15 a barrel to \$20 a barrel by early 1988, with consequences for inflation, the balance of payments and the exchange rate about which the Bank declines to

A similar inconsistency comes with the expectation that Britain's trade will respond to the sharp sterling fall that has occurred, but that other hounds at bay.

investors how many shares they have been allocated, are being posted on Mooday. Mr Simon Elliston, an energy analyst at Savory Milln,

the broker, says: "The shares have been firm in line with the rest of the oil sector, but come next Tuesday I think we'll see a couple of pence off the price. The 20 per cent argument, that a lot of small shareholders will hold on to their shares because of the 20 per cent yield they'll get from dividends and vouchers doesn't really hold water. Even if the price drops to 60p, that still works out at a 20 per cent profit and they can get it instantly just by selling their shares - without having to wait all year."

traded in the stock market, but

City analysts say they are likely to ease a coople of pence

by next Tuesday, the day

Shares in Brierley

Investments, the master company of Mr Ron

Brierley, the New Zealand

entrepreneur, made their

debut on the London stock

market yesterday and made a 10p premium on their 215p placing price. Chase Manhattan Securities is

market-maker for Brierley.

when most small shareholders

will receive their allotment letters and will thus, for the

first time, be in a position to

The allotment letters, telling

The rest of the oil sector was in an optimistic mood as the Opec meeting got underway in Geneva. BP gained op to 681p, Shell 3p to 948p, Enterprise 5.5p to 151.5p. Market sentiment towards

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relatively immune. Whereas the 16 per cent fall in the value of sterling should be enough to bring our current account round, the US current deficit remains stuck at \$125 billion (£87 billion) next year, in spite of a 30 per cent fall in the dollar. And Japan's current account surplus is forecast to widen to \$100 billion next year.

There is a definite feeling of dėja vu about the Bank's assessment of monetary conditions. Basically, the statistics are rather foggy, partly because of the British Gas privatization, partly because of the switch to calendar month money numbers. Two years ago, when British Telecom came to the market, the money figures were also rendered unreliable. Then as now, the Bank's verdict was that monetary conditions were tight enough. The January 1985 sterling crisis and a 4½ point interest rate hike duly followed.

There is no overwhelming reason why history should repeat itself, but the Bank's grounds for thinking that it will not look somewhat thin. They are that the exchange rate has stabilized, albeit just above its all-time low; that house and equity prices are rising less quickly, which could mean that excess money is going into goods rather than assets; and that narrow money, M0, remains within target range. If the markets scent blood, they may need a little more than this to keep the

Muddying the waters

Paul Channon, the Secretary of thoroughly in the commission's recent State for Trade and Industry, has investigation into the bid for Alliedmuddied the swirling waters of competition policy with his decision to refer to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission the £750 million takeover offer for IC Gas, the group widely known for Calor Gas. It is difficult to reconcile this move with recent referrals which have been appraised almost solely on the grounds of competition rather than the wider issues permitted by the Fair Trading legislation.

For practitioners in the City and companies seeking to grow by acquisition, Norman Tebbit's decision to give preference to competition aspects of a proposed merger were a welcome simplification of a policy which had become confused and confusing. The process had become too much like a lottery and the scope for subjective assessments by panel members, too

The IC Gas reference is a retrograde step. It is based not on questions of that consumers want at as low a cost as competition but on tenuous surmise possible, and that our industries are hidder prove to have over-extended standpoint."

itself in a highly leveraged offer.

Lyons by the Australian, Elders IXL.

The bidder, Gulf Resources, showed the Office of Fair Trading forecasts which indicated that cash-flow cover for debt service was comfortable following the disposal of IC Gas's Belgian

The Government has given in to a sustained campaign by its own backbenchers. This is not the way to administer competition policy.

Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director-General of Fair Trading, would no doubt agree, or would he?

He recently told an audience in Scotland: "I do not question that it is right that the primary emphasis in any mergers policy should be on the promotion or, more aptly, the protection of competition. For the most part. competition is the best way of ensuring that markets work efficiently, that firms produce the sort of goods and services

Why he decided in favour of referring Yet, the gearing issue was aired IC Gas is mildly mystifying.

Opec scrapes the bottom of the \$15 oil barrel

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How the future of exploration and employment in the North Sea oil industry may depend on members of the producers' cartel reaching a workable deal to push up prices to \$18 a barrel

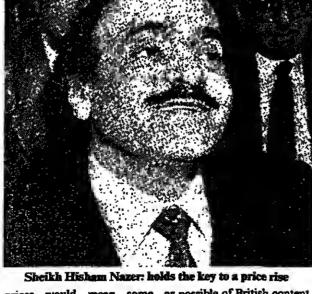
s Opec struggles with an agreement to send world oil prices higher. the oil companies are preparing to end a year of uoprecedented redundancies and staff

Almost every company has had to tell engioeers, drillers and geologists their special skills are no longer needed. With oil at \$15 a barrel, the projects they were working oo are no longer economical. Even those oil companies

with no staff directly involved in drilling and production have had to bear a share of the cost. Mostly they are partners in operations with larger companies and each worker's salary cheque is apportioned according to the time he spends on each project.

if a company has, for instance, a 10 per cent share in a project, it reaps 10 per cent of the eventual profits, but has to pay 10 per cent of the costs. That, as some have discovered, means 10 per cent of the redundancy costs involved. This, the industry's "general and administrative" system.

has meant that when Britoil shed more than 700 skilled oil workers, the massive redundancy-bill hit some smaller companies. All eyes are now on Opec to see if its efforts at finding a formula to send prices up again are successful. Higher



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Oxfordshire border.

r Buchanan-Smith said: "Operations will only be allowed under these new licences as

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price and that will be determined at the Opec meeting

In addition, he has an-

prices would mean some as possible of British content. This has meant that subsea systems, rather than expentaff kept on.

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the Energy Minister, has told used. And he has streamlined the industry be hopes they will the planning system for on-"hang on in there" and retain the skills and manpower nec-essary if Britain is to find new requirements. and cheaper ways of transporting oil from the North Sea and nounced that seven onshore from beneath the woodlands exploration liceoces preof Surrey, Sussex and Dorset. viously issued under the old His efforts to persuade oil ad hoc arrangements have companies to keep going are been converted into the new, partly due to the need to more tightly-controlled exmaintain oil revenues and keep people employed in areas where the unemployment rate is already higher than the Fife, North and South York-

national average, and so com-panies will be able to take part shire and on the Berkshirein the bidding for the new mund of licences he will put on offer early next year. He has backed his pleas with actioo by winning the early repayment of advance petroleum revenue tax from

the Treasury. This will benefit companies such as Britoil and Sovereign, which have large semi-submersible drilling rigs ca-pable of exploring the deeper exploration both offshore and and more hostile waters to the North and West of the

He has also made con- now in session in Geneva. cessions in the type of equipment which can be used, while production, which would send still insisting on as high a level prices upwards and allow

cootract pricing system that would partly help it to achieve its aim of an \$18 price from January 1 and possibly a \$24 price by June.

It has the backing of six of the 13 Opec nations, but the key will be Saudi Arabia's stand. Should Sheikh Hisham Nazer, the Saudi oil minister, agree to a cut in Saudi Arabia's output, the price would rise.

Mr Rilwani Lukman, the Nigerian oil minister and Opec's president, made clear that Opec is all too aware of the cost to date of its policy of defending market share by allowing prices to tumble.

happened had been a happened had been a very traumatic experience for both producing and consuming countries" and bad cost the Opec nations \$50 billion (£35 billion) in lost oil revenues.

However, once again the Opec president attacked Britain for its decision not to trim North Sea output to help Opec restore the present supply-demand imbalance.

"Unfortunately some producers outside Opec have remained hostile to our initiative for a dialogue, even while appreciating that without such viously issued under the old a development, which would lead to co-operation in the form of production cuts, mar-ket stability will remain illusory," he said. This means that the search for oil will now take place in

"Any meaningful dialogue can only take place with an understanding that all producers, inside as well as outside Oper, share the hurden of defending a higher price."

James Capel, the stock-broker says: We still believe it is important not to become too involved in Opec politics and ignore the real world. Even given co-operation all round, we do not believe it is possible for Opec to maintain a stable \$18 oil price.

"If Opec is making a good attempt at \$18, prices might average \$16 in 1987. If not, \$14 or so looks more likely." David Young

Energy Correspondent

RHP Group plc

1986 Results

*Profits up 60% ***EPS up 14%** *Dividend up 18%

	1986 £000 (unaudited)	1985 £000
Sales	164,115	128,292
Profit before interest Interest	19,602 (1,929)	12,602 (1,530)
Profit before tax	17,673	11,072

RHP is a British group of companies manufacturing precision electrical and mechanical engineering products for a wide range of

industries, including aerospace, automotive, communications, construction, defence, electronics, engineering, energy, process control and telecommunications.

RHP operates in the UK through subsidiaries and divisions, with subsidiaries in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, New Zealand, South Africa and the USA and agents elsewhere in the world.

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from RHP Group plc, PO Box 20, Pilgrim House, High Street, Billericay, Essex CM12 9XY.

GUINNESS PLC 1986 RESULTS

Second interim statement for year to 30 September 1986

- ☐ Turnover up 96% to £2,325m.
- ☐ Profit before tax and earnings per stock unit up for the fifth successive year.
- ☐ Profit before tax up 180% to £241m.
- ☐ Earnings per stock unit up 13% to 28.5p.
- ☐ Dividend up 13%.

"The excellent results we have reported today flow directly from the commitment and effort of all the management, staff and employees throughout the Guinness Group.

Ernest W. Saunders Chairman, December 10th 19



THE FACTS BEHIND THE FIGURES.

These latest figures represent the fifth year of solid growth in our businesses and include the first contribution from Distillers.

The pre-tax profit figure is up 180% and is almost six times the one reported in 1981.

On the home market, draught Guinness continued its recovery with a sales volume increase of 14% over 1985's very healthy figures.

The repackaging and successful relaunch of Guinness Extra will have a further favourable impact on sales in the coming months.

Kaliber, our recently developed alcoholfree lager, can also be relied on for future sales growth. It is now selling nationally in Great Britain as well as in the lucrative USA market.

In fact overall, in our key target development markets the USA and Western Europe sales have advanced strongly showing volume growth 30% above the previous year.

With Bells, we have virtually halted the five year decline in the United Kingdom market share.

Distillers has also been the scene of positive management action and strong financial control, resulting in a profit contribution of £134m.

Management of our worldwide spirit sales and marketing operation has been streamlined and will be relocated, outside Central London, in early 1987.

The UK spirits division is to be merged with Bells and will be headquartered in Perth, Scotland, from July 1987.

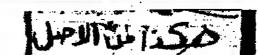
Improved efficiency has increased trading profit margins to 5% in our retail businesses ahead of plan.

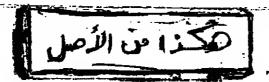
The disposal of non-strategic businesses and assets has already raised nearly £200m in cash.

Our achievements in 1986 provide a platform from which we can realise the enormous potential of our unrivalled portfolio of world brands.

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terim dividend (same) for the six months to Sept. 30, but the board expects to recommend a fical (nil last time). Turnover

WHESSOE: Year to Sept. 27.
Total payment maintained at 5.5p. Turnover £94.61 million (£99.98 million). Pretax profit £4.74 million (£5.02 million). Earnings per share 16.3p (12.7p). The order totake for the year was £117 million and million year was £117 million and million. year was £117 million and, with completions of £98 million, the gross order book value at Sept. was £330 million. The outlook for 1986-7 in some of the group's maio markets — especially for power-station building in Britain and Australia — is uncertain, the board reports. However, recent developments in other areas encourage the hope that prospects may im-

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prove in 1987 and beyond, though the work shortage is likely to persist in certain sec-

 WAGON INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS: Half-year to Sept. 30. Interim dividend raised to 4p (3.5p). Turnover £43.13 mil-lion (£39.35 million). Pretax profit £3.1 million (£2.35 mil-lion). Experience (£2.35 milprofit 2.3.1 million (£2.35 million). Earnings per share 10.18p (7.04p). The board reports that the office equipment division achieved the largest comparative increase, mainly because of the considerable improvement in the results of Vinco, the French subsidiary. Group pretax profits for the second half are expected to show an increase are expected to show an increase are showing satisfactory on 1985-86.

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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COMPANY NEWS • YELLOWHAMMER: Half • PHOENIX TIMBER: No inyear to Sept. 30. Turnover £19.39 million (£12.46 million). 2.19.39 million (£12.46 million).

Pretax profit £713,000 (£620,000). Earnings per share 4.3p (3.3p). Interim dividend unchanged at 0.6p. The group has performed excellently and the board is confident that it will continue to operate at record levels for the manifest of the first performed and the second levels for the manifest performed the second levels for the manifest performed and the second levels for the manifest performed the second levels for the manifest performance and the second levels for the second levels f continue to operate at record levels for the remainder of the year. The subsidiaries formed earlier this year in public relations and typesetting moved quickly into profit and are growing above expectations.

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fical (nil last time). Turnover £17.82 million (£20.11 million). Pretax profit £132,000 (£35,000). Earnings per share 4.3p (1.1p). The new shares issued in Oct. will substantially cut interest charges in the second half. Conditions generally remained difficult ings per share 14.1p (2.3p). The directors report that the lates results fully justify the reorganization. Geographica diversifications and the development of new market will cootinue to be the corner will cootinue to be the corner-stone of policy to the current year, with investment for the future taking priority over the short-term. The current year has started satisfactorily, with the results of Boffin and Provector being particularly encouraging. SYLTONE: Half-wear to being particularly encouraging.

SYLTONE: Half-year to Sept. 30. Interim payment unchanged at 3.6p. Turnover £10.71 million (£10.2 million). Pre1ax profit £421,000 (£635,000). Earnings per share 7.16p (13.14p). The forward order load is being maintained and new business developments are showing serisfactory.

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British Telecom. Investing more than ever before.



"The current financial year has started well with total turnover for the first six months up 14.0% compared with the same period last year at £4,614 million. Excluding sales by companies acquired since the first half of last year, turnover grew by 10.7%.

Turnover from telephone calls grew by 9.4% to £2,423 million. Our inland telephone call volumes increased by 7% and international call volumes were up by 11%.

We earned £1,006 million before tax which represents an 11.5% increase compared with last year. Operating costs, excluding those of new acquisitions,

Earnings per share in the first six months were 20.0% higher at 10.2p and we have declared an interim dividend of 3.35 pence (net) per share which will be paid to investors on February 23, 1987.

Your Board has confidence that satisfactory progress will be maintained through the rest of the year.

Our continuing strength makes it possible for us to invest more than ever before, to improve the service we give our customers and to secure the future prosperity of our company for shareholders and staff alike.

Our total investment in fixed assets for the year is planned to be over £2,100 million - up more than 35% on 1984, the year in

which the company was privatised." Sir George Jefferson, Chairman

INVESTING · FOR · A MORE · MODERN · NETWORK

Over £450 million of investment is planned this year on modern digital exchanges which are now being installed at the rate of one every working day. We have already laid over 100,000 miles of optical fibre proportionately more than any other country. All this will improve the capacity and quality of the network and result in faster, clearer calls across the country.

INVESTING · IN · NEW · SYSTEMS · AND · SERVICES

We are spending over £100 million this year to develop our directory enquiry and customer service systems. This is part of a continuing £700 million computerisation programme.

telephone

INVESTING · FOR · THE · COMMUNITY

£160 million is being invested in a programme for modernising the public payphone service. There are now more boxes than two years ago-over half have modern equipment and many of them take phonecards. Every public payphone is now fitted with a device to help people with hearing aids and the new phone booths are easier to use for people in wheel chairs.

SECOND · QUARTER · AND · HALF · YEAR · RESULTS FOR · 6 · MONTHS · TO · 30 · SEPTEMBER · 1986

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Turnover	2,362	2,044	4,614	4,049
Operating profit	569	518	1,142	1,037
Profit before taxation	504	452	1,006	902
Taxation	183	181	366	363
Minority interests	(1)	_	(2)	_
Preference dividend	16	15	32	31
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	306	256	610	508
Interim dividend			201	180
Earnings per ordinary share	5.1p	4.3p	10.2p	8.5p
Interim dividend per ordinary share (net)			3.35p	3.0p
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HALF · YEAR · FINANCIAL · HIGHLIGHTS

 Turnover up 14.0% to £4,614m.
 Profit before taxation up 11.5% to £1,006m. Capital expenditure of £987m wholly funded from within the business. Over 90% of capital purchases from UK suppliers.

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Many technical improvements now being introduced have been developed in our own research laboratories, the work there being part of our £180 million annual research and development programme.

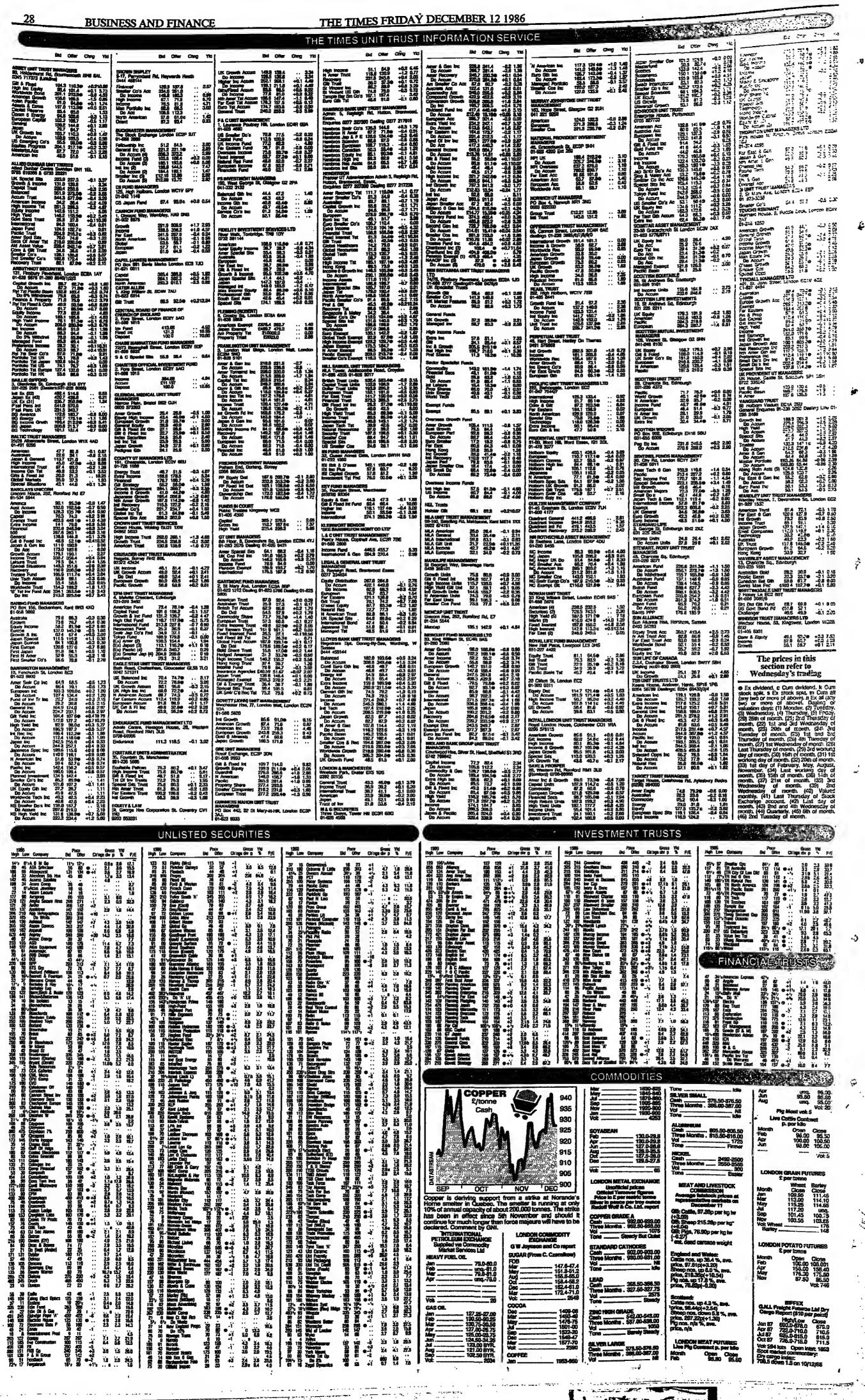
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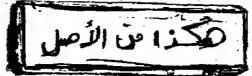
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Orders in these businesses

convalescing Westland. There is still some way to go

before it makes a decent

gross margins last year slipped from 15 to 13 per

Firing on all cylinders, Westland has the potential to

double last year's profits. Existing shareholders might

is a dividend on the horizon,

grow much faster.

Corporation's share price is in a sorry state. Market indigestion after the issue of more than 400 million shares for acquisitions this year is only part of the explanation.

Analysts have been scrutinizing Dee's accounting policies - and finding them wanting. They are concerned that Dee's reputation for demonstrable organic growth is tarnished, and that earnings growth is now dependent on taking the benefits of acquisitions above the line, against which £20 million while charging the costs below the line.

Meanwhile, yesterday's interim results confirmed ruled out.
analysts' suspicious that the The ore analysts' suspicions that the benefits of buying Fine Fare quately filled for the next two will take longer then expected to come through, and the shares fell another 4p to 202p. This decline has probably production. Efforts are being gone far enough. With Fine Fare, Dee has 11 per cent of istry Of Defence and export the food retailing market, putting it a close third behind

Sainsbury and Tesco. Margins have improved from 3.2 to 4 per cent despite the diluting effect of Fine Fare: Gearing is less than 20

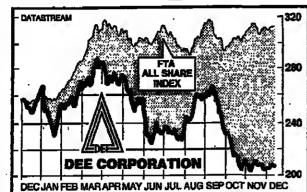
While the impact of the Finc Fare integration will not approach as well as appear until 1987-88, there is no doubt that the economies deally, helicopters should of scale will be substantial. Several stores will be sold (the profits will be offset against the extraordinary costs of integration), the Fine the aerospace and technology Fare name will disappear and divisions are expected to Gateway will be promoted as a national food chain.

Dee should make nearly are more widely spread by £200 million pretax this year, customer-type and are of implying a prospective mul-tiple of 11. The shares are and cancellations have, therelikely to languish unlil City fore, a less damaging effect. confidence is restored. Yesterday's results show a

Westland

Flying helicopters is a risky business, but so is making return on assets. Indeed, them. Admittedly, the turn-round achieved at Westland is impressive, but the return being earned on the core helicopter business is still a third of what is should be,

Although Westland is adamant that it will not take on as well stick around as there unprofitable work, the market remains competitive. A but there is no rush for £10.1 million write-back potential shareholders to huy, from India was eradicated by British Telecom a further provision on a mystery, £250 million helicopter export contract, waiting for allotment letters



with bated breath should take was written-off in 1984-85. a look at British Telecommunications before de-The possibility of further provisions should not be ciding whether to cash in or hold for the long term.

On the basis of yesterday's half-time profits, Telecom shares are distinctly cheap vears, but there is a nasty gap to be filled before the EH 10 and the company is performhelicopter goes into full production. Efforts are being ing as well as anyone has the right to expect. Yet the shares languish on a niggardly rat-ing. The problem has nothing do with finance, and However, unless a reason everything to do with poliable amount of work is tics. Telecom shares bave slipped from a peak of 278p picked up, further streamlining of the helicopter operaearlier this year to just over tion may prove necessary. In the meantime, efforts are

punitive plans for "social ownership" - Labour Party code for re-nationalization. But for that threat, they would be much higher on the basis of yesterday's results.

200p, owing to fears over the

Turnover outstripped inflation comfortably at £4.6 bil-lion, or 10.7 per cent higher, excluding acquisitions and 14 per cent up in absolute terms.

Telephone-call lurnover grew by 9.4 per cent with international volume provid-ing most of the growth. Total operating costs remained under control, rising 10.4 per cent, in line with income.

At the pretax level profits of £1,006 million were 11.5 per cent ahead and, thanks to a lower tax charge, earnings per share gained 20 per cent

Dividend is 3.35p, some 12 per cent higher at the interim stage. Full-year earnings of 21p are likely, which means the shares sell on a p/e multiple of less than 10 times. At this level the shares are

cheap but they are unlikely to break out of a narrow trading range until the political

at NatWest

National Westminster Mr Tony Hart and Mr Tejen Bank: Mr Terry Green is Majumdar become directors.
made a deputy group chief Belhaven Brewery Group. Belhaven Brewery Group: executive from next July. He Mr Henry King has been and Mr John Plastow have made a non-executive dijoined the board. Mr John rector KAE Group: Mrs Gunda Lapski joins the board. Melbourn becomes general manager, international bank-

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rector, sales and marketing.

PA Design: Mrs Dorothy Mackenzie and Dr Bob Whelan join the board. Mr Laurence Gunzi becomes managing director, Mr Roy Gray and Mr Michael Peters joint chairmen, Mr Graham Clancy sales director and Mr Phil Seeney technical director. London European: Mr Denal McSallivan becomes

managing director.

John Laing Construction:

Mr Brian Hambidge is made director, planning and re-sourcing, and Mr Gordon Hill director, industrial relations. Rockware Portland: Mr

Brian Webb becomes managing director.

Vallances: Mr Paul Guy is appointed chief executive, retailing.

The Design Council: Mr Hugh Lang has been made deputy chairman. Allegheny International: Mr Thomas Albani joins the board as chief operating

Microgen: Mr Ian Martin has been appointed to the board as director, UK op-



Donal McSullivan Trident Trust: Major-General Sir John Nelson becomes president, succeeding Bishop Launcelot Fleming Confederation Life Insur-

ance Company: Mr George Willman becomes vice-president, individual insurance. Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Asia: Mr Jonathan Pearson has been made

managing director. Lombard Tricity Finance:

Top-level changes Performer's private rights survive his death

Artists Corporation and Oth-Before Sir Nicolas Browne-

Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor. Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Bingham [Judgment December 10]

The Dramatic and Musical Performers' Protection Act 1958 conferred on a performer private rights of action enforceable in the civil courts and those rights vested in and were enforceable by the performer's personal representatives after

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the defendants, United Artists Corporation, Mr Blake Edwards and Lakeline Productions Ltd from a judgment of Mr Justice Hobbouse on June 10, 1985 in favour of the plaintiffs, Elwood Abraham Rickless and Michael Barry Wolf, suing as executors of Peter Sellers, Satchinanda Ltd and Motion Picture Factoring

Mr Andrew Bateson, QC, Mr Michael Tugendhat, QC and Mr David Parsons for the defendants Mr Colin Ross-Munro.
QC, Mr Robert Englehart. QC and Mr Anthony Peto for the

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that during his lifetime. Peter Sellers made a series of five films known as the Pink Panther films in which he played the main character, inspector Clousean an exceptric Inspector Clousean, an eccentric and accident-prone French

letective.
The character was based on an idea of the second defendant, Blake Edwards and the first film in the series was made in 1962. When a film was made, far more film was shot than was eventually incorporated in the final film released for ex-

Footages not incorporated in the final version were called "out-takes" which comprised not only the film which at the time of shooting was found unsatisfactory, but also sequences which, though in themdiscarded in the process of

editing.
"Clips", on the other hand, were excerpts from the final film as exhibited to the public.
During Peter Sellers' lifetime. Blake Edwards had the idea of making a Pink Panther film using out-takes from the earlier films together with new addi-tional material.

Peter Sellers refused to agree. He died in 1980. The films had been very successful and profitable. In

1981 the United Artists Corporation and Blake Edwards decided to make Trail of the

Rickless and Others v United Pink Panther which purported to be a feature film starring Peter Sellers but was in fact made up to a considerable extent of out-takes and clips of Peter Sellers' performances in

the earlier films.

The defendants tried to get the agreement of the plaintiffs as personal representatives of Per ter Sellers, but terms could not be agreed. The defendants took legal advice and then decided to ake Trail.

It was made by Lakeline Productions Lld. a company controlled by Blake Edwards and was financed by the United Artists Corporation. The defendants had paid nothing for the use of the material containing

Peter Sellers' performances.
The defendants said that they were entitled to make use of the clips and out-takes as the owner-ship of both the physical cellu-loid and the copyright in the out-takes and clips vested in

them or their associates.

The plaintiffs contended. inter alia. that the making of Trail constituted a breach of section 2 of the 1958 Act, which made it an offence knowingly to make a film directly or indirectly from or by means of the performance of a dramatic or musical work without the consent in writing of the performer.

Their case was that the 1958 Act conferred on a performer private rights of action enforceable in the civil courts and that those rights had been infringed in that the use of the clips and out-takes involved the indirect use of Peter Sellers' perfor-

The defendants contended that the 1958 Act gave performers no civil remedy; that the contracts for the provision of Peter Sellers' services in each of the earlier films contained his consent to the use of clips and out-takes in Trail; that they had not "knowingly" made Trail without the necessary consents; and finally that the Act did not apply to a film made after the performer's death.

The Dramatic and Musical Performers Protection Act 1925 made it a criminal offence to make a gramophone record without the performer's consent. The Copyright Act 1956 amended that Act by introducing for the first time the pro-visions for the protection of film actors now to be found in section 2 of the 1958 Act.

The general rule was that where an Act created an obliga-tion and enforced the perfor-mance in a specified manner, that performance could not be enforced in any other manner exceptions to that rule.

prohibition was imposed for the benefit or projection of 2 particular class and the second was where the statute created a public right and a particular member of the public suffered

special damage.
It was apparent from the short titles of both the 1925 and 1958 Acts that they were passed for the protection of performers and that was a very strong pointer in favour of the Act creating private rights within the first

Although the state of the authorities was not a happy one. there was no authority which had to be treated as hinding on their Lordships and therefore his Lordship was free to give effect to his own views so far as performers were concerned.

The defendants further contended that the making of Irali after Peter Sellers' death even without his consent would not infringe section 2 of the 1958 Act and therefore could not give rise to any civil liability under that head.

They submitted that unless so limited the 1958 Act would impose an indefinite ban on the reproduction of a performance. that personal representatives of a deceased performer could not give the necessary consent to any reproduction and that even if they could, the power indefi-nitely to veto any such reproduction was inconsistent with the intention of Par-

That argument could not be upheld. The right to give or withhold consent was the same as any other right. A right which was not personal vested in personal representatives and prima facie a right conferred by statute survived death unless there were clear words to the contrary.

The right to give or withhold consent survived the death of the performer and vested in the personal representatives. The 1958 Act was passed to protect the performer generally and was not just to protect his interests by prohibiting the reproduction of a performance which might damage his chances of getting further employment.

Therefore the 1953 Act did confer a civil right of action on the plaintiffs and the making of Trail constituted a breach of that right. Save in relation to the use of clips from two of the films Peter Sellers did not consent to the reproduction of his performance in Trail for the purposes of the 1958 Act.

Lord Justice Bingham and Lord Justice Stephen Brown delivered concurring judg-

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Barrister's part-time income is assessable under Schedule E

Sidey v Phillips (Inspector of income was to be assessed under was open to the appellate court Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Knox [Judgment December 5] The Crown contended, and that was not the court's function of the income of a barrister derived from part-time lecturing was assessable to income tax under Schedule E and not under Schedule E and not under Schedule D. That income constituted emoluments from an "office of employment" within the unstantial of section 181 of the court's function was clear from the decision of the Court of Appeal in Office of the Court of Appeal in Office of employment within the unstantial of section 181 of the unstantial of section 181 of the court's function was clear from the decision of the Court of Appeal in Office of the Court of App the meaning of section 181 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an appeal by Mr Hugh Sidey from a determina-tion of the special commis-sioners in relation to Schedule E assessments made on him for the years 1976-77 to 1981-82

Mr Sidey in person; Mr Alan Moses for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE KNOX said that Mr Sidey was called to the Bar in 1951 and had a seat in chambers in Lincoln's Inn. He had not been in general practice since about 1960. He derived part of his income from part-time lecturing on legal subjects for the Thames Polytechnic and ILEA. In 1976 his tax inspector concluded that that part of his

Labour Party v Oakley

[Judgment November 27]

Before Sir Ralph Kilner-Brown and Mr T. H. Jenkins and Mr K. M. Young

A sales and marketing officer

whose fixed-term contract was not renewed following a restructuring of the department

and who was not given fair consideration for a new job

consideration for a new job created as a result of the reorganization had not been unfairly dismissed since the fairness provisions in section 57(3) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 did not apply to selection

1978 did not apply to selection for the new job which occurred after the act of dismissal.

The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal so held when considering

an appeal by the Labour Party from a decision of a London industrial tribunal last August that the employee, Miss N.

Oakley, had been unfairly dis-

Mr Ivor Walker, solicitor, for the Labour Party, Mr David Ellis for the employee.

SIR RALPH KILNER

BROWN said that the employee

was engaged on a year's contract with the proviso that the post

never been fairly considered and

that her application was pro-judged and doomed to failure.

The industrial tribunal said that an employee whose job was disappearing had a right to be considered on equal terms for

missed.

not a contract for services.

The commissioners who heard Mr Sidey's appeal against the assessments had heard evidence and seen the documents that contained the standard terms, conditions and responsibilities of part-time lecturers were set out.

Whether or not those contracts constituted contracts of

service was a question of law. However the evaluation of the

Court hearing an appeal could only interfere if the commis-sioners had misdirected themselves as to the law or had reached a conclusion that was

process for the new joh was

Schedule E and no longer under to consider the facts as found Schedule D. Thereafter Mr and to make up its own mind on Sidey was assessed accordingly. the issue was unacceptable. That that was not the court's function

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that he said supported his argument that no contract of service existed. He pointed to the facts that he was paid on an hourly basis, that there was a minimum of control over his lecturing activities, that there was a distinct lack of adherence to the terms of his contracts and lastly to the discontinuous nature of his working arrangements.

Notwithstanding those matters it was clear that the commissioners' decision that Mr Sidey's contracts with those for whom he taught constituted contracts of service was a determination that they were well entitled to reach. It fol-lowed that the assessments in respect of income derived from that work was properly assessable under Schedule E. The appeal was accordingly dismissed.

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• BOOTH INDUSTRIES: Figures in £000 for the six months to September 30. Turnover was 6,037,274 (6,502,659). pretax profit was 71,605 (loss 373,840), tax was 22,198 (nil) and earnings per share were 5.80 (a loss

woold be made permanent if the unit proved successful. The employers had established that a per share of 43.14p).

• M & G DUAL TRUST: Dividend was 7.1p (5.8p) for the six months to November 30. Tax was 290,575 (254,083), revenue after tax was 711,335 (592,766), reorganization of the department was necessary. The employee's joh disappeared and a new job was created in its place. The em-ployee applied for the post but was unsuccessful and the evand earnings per share were 7.11p (5.93p). Dividend payable idence before the industrial tribunal indicated that she had • HARVARD SECURITIES

GROUP: Dividend doubled to Ip for the year to Sept 30, payable on Feb. 20. Turnover psyable on Feb. 20. Turnover £81.18 million (£59.42 million). Pretax profit £1.9 million (£1.54 nillion). Earnings per share 5.73p (4.93p).

The commissioners had the function of assessing the various factors in the case and the High

contrary to the only true and reasonable conclusion that could be reached on the facts. Solicito
Mr Sidey's argument that it Revenue.

Job fairness not apt in selection

priate to consider all the circumstances which concerned her possible re-engagement as well as those which concerned the They said it was wrong under section 57(3) of the Act to stop the analysis at the point of non-renewal; that an assessment of all the circumstances and substantial merits of the case

was required and that the tri-Consolidating claims

Dietman v Breut London Bor-ough Council Wahlstrom v Same

need for reorganization.

The Employment Appeal Tri-hunal (Mr Justice Popplewell, Miss C. Holroyd and Mr G. H. Wright) on December 8 upheld an order by an industrial tri-hunal chairman to consolidate unfair dismissal claims against Brent London Borough Council by two social workers who had

MR JUSTICE POPPLE-WELL said that the chairman had exercised his powers under rule 15 of Schedule 1 to the Industrial Tribunals (Rules of Percedural Penulations (\$1.100c) Procedure) Regulations (SI 1985

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the new post and a failure to bunal had not misdirected consider her on equal terms themselves in law.

consider her on equal terms made the dismissal unfair. The appeal tribunal accepted the Labour Pany's argument that the provisions of section 57(3) related to the act of The employers submitted that the unfairness in the selection irrelevant to the dismissal from the old job. The employee argued that the fixed-term con-tract envisaged the possibility of renewal, therefore it was approdismissal only. The reason for the dismissal was the reorganization which was found to be fair.

The provisions of section 57(3) did not apply to the way in which the employers had considered her application for the new joh which was something which occurred after the act of dismissal.

Solicitors: Pritchard Englefield & Tobin: Matthew Arnold & Baldwin, Watford.

a conflict as to responsibility

been dismissed following the publication of the report of the public inquiry into the death of Jasmine Beckford.

The applicants were challeng-ing has decision on the ground, inter alia, that each would be prejudiced by the presence of the other party in that there was

The appeal would be allowed and leave to appeal granted.

The majority of the appeal tribunal considered that the chairman had exercised his discretion properly.

It had been argued that as a matter of law the two applica-tions in conflict could not be consolidated. But it was important to look at the wording of

Although it was headed "consolidation of proceedings" the only order a tribunal could make was to hear the applica-tions together, unlike the High Court which had the power to consolidate or to order that the cases should be heard at the same time. The industrial tribunal's power under rule 15 was not cunsolidation despite

The decision in Lewis v Daily Telegraph Ltd (No 2) ([1964] 2 QB 601) applied only to consolidation and was not ap-

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Royal backing for first-timers

The Prince of Wales is backing a series of initiatives in London, the West Midlands and the North East to help small businesses and budding entrepreneurs. The drive is being mounted by Business in the Community (BIC), the umbrella body for local enterprise agencies.

The initiatives mark the launch of BIC's second five-year strategy for pooling industrial, commercial and local efforts to develop economic growth, particularly in disadvantaged areas.

Prince Charles, who is proving a keen president of BIC, is supporting the new drive and this week showed special interest in two partnership ventures announced at BIC's annual meeting in Newcastle upon Tyne.

One is for a partnership, involving the local authority and business community, ambitiously aimed at improving the entire economic base of Halifax in west Yorkshire. Plans already afoot include the development of Dean Clough Industrial Estate in a former carpet mill near the town centre, the launch of the

Francis have turned a garden-shed

known company with an estimated turnover for this year of £200,000.

Exports, mainly to EEC countries and the United States, account for 15 per cent

Graduates of the Royal College of Art,

they went to Uganda in 1963 to develop

studies in pottery and ceramics at

Makerere University and later moved to

Ghana, where Mr Francis was head of

the industrial design department at

After 14 years in Africa they returned

home and invested their savings in an

old farmhouse with outhuildings at Chessell, Isle of Wight, and with a £1,500

grant from the Council for Small

Industries in Rural Areas (COSIRA)

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BIC is also involved in drawing up a further action plan, bolstered by a Civic Trust survey, which points to considerable cultural, recreational and tourism potential in the Halifax area. It is

> By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

regarded as a pilot experiment which if successful could be extended to other towns. BIC has already looked at possibilities at Middlesbrough which has a high unemployment rate.

Among the other initiatives is support for a Cleveland Business Centre in the centre of Middlesbrough. The aim is to raise £600,000 in cash or in kind to provide more workspace and business development services.

Up to eight neighbourhood economic development partnerships are also being developed, half of them in parts of London, including the East End, with others in the West Midlands and on Calderdale small husiness advice service Teesside. The target is comparatively

an artistic bent, and six part-time workers for packaging and invoicing. Output averages 1,000 pieces a week, worth about £5,000. Their main costs are

wages and transport.
Chessell porcelain is not cheap. Its

original "water gardens", inspired by the coral reefs off the African coast, are bowl

extravaganzas costing around £58. But decorative vases, mirrors and lamps sell from £14 to £43 with statuettes at £6.33.

Mr and Mrs Francis aim to keep a

steady flow through the kilos but have

two peak periods, the summer tourist season and Christmas. An average

summer order from a gift shop is around

£1,000. Department stores spend about

£6,000, possibly twice a year. About 60 per cent of orders follow their displays at

gift trade fairs, two in Frankfurt and four io Britain. They do not advertise but

nublish commehensive booklets and run

Last year, Mrs Francis spent a month

demonstrating techniques at Busch Gar-

deos, a huge arts and crafts centre at

Williamsburgh, Virginia. She recalls:

Though the Americans were fascinated

and we did pretty well out of it, they are

collection buyers, preferring to invest in names like Spode or Wedgwood."

in action. There is a shop which sells mostly seconds at reasonable prices. But Mrs Francis says: "We don't wish to

expand further. We put our success down

to tight stock control, a close watch on how designs sell and order throughput.

a small mail order business.

Throwing clay brings husband

and wife team pots of money

Within eight years John and Sheila Francis have turned a garden-shed pottery business into an internationally-known company with an estimated time workers, mostly school-leavers with an estimated time workers.

as an enterprise agency and the setting small geographical areas of inner cities up of a business and innovation centre. with action concentrating on job creation, training and building refurhishment. A key aim is to create more small businesses and expand existing ones.

Occidental, the oil company, has put up £80,000 to help start the first schemes but more aid, including management time, is needed.

Sir Ralph Halpern, chairman of the Burton retailing group and a prominent supporter of BIC, also announced a mid-1987 opening for the £2.4 million design workshop project planned at Felling. Gateshead, for small companies in design and marketing. It is anticipated that the project will create at least 50 new businesses employing a minimum of 300 people. Successful firms will later move on to make space for more start-ups.

Applicants will be assessed on the potential of their businesses and be given practical help in starting up, said Project North Enterprise, the local enterprise agency associated with BIC in the project.

Sheila Francis at her wheel of fortune

BRIEFING

More women are starting to help

agencies and despite recruitment difficulties there are three women

other women set up in business. Six are now directors of local enterprise

counsellors with the small firms service at

the Department of Trade and Industry. David Trippier, the minister for small

businesses, said this week he was determined to increase the numbers in a

account for about a quarter of Britain's self-employed and a third of these have generated jobs for other people.

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Colin McQuillan reviews the topsy-turvy life of the talented Lisa Opie

From spoiled brat to darling girl

Today marks the beginning another cold shoulder for a lonely girl whose all-too-pub-Opie, a prodigiously talented played a complete range of both characters in British squash over the past half dozen years, from darling girl to spoiled brat and back again, with three of 16, a preparation she shared national titles carned along

the way. Miss Opie is entered, with Fiona Geaves, for the London Evening Standard British Doubles championships which begin at Cannons Club in London this evening. Indeed, with the hospitalization of triple doubles champion, Alison Cumines, late this week, the Opie-Geaves commination must be favoured to win Monday's final. They were losing finalists to Cumings and Barbara Diggens last year.

Attracted by the sociable weekend

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Lisa Opie finds doubles rather hard to take seriously, however. "Fiona is actually a good doubles player, tactically and strokewise, but I have only played for light relief other than in last year's British championship. This year I am attracted by the prospect of a sociable squash weekend where I can celebrate winning back the national singles title a fortnight ago."

There are those who would suggest Miss Opie, now aged 23. and living independently in her own house in Nottingham, is rather overdue a celebration. There have been other high points, of course, national victories in 1981 and 1983, and an impressive collection of major tournament wins around the world. But the low points have seemed rather more indelible.

Perhaps the lowest point of all was an infamous racket chucking incident at Wembley when she lost the 1984 British Open final to Susan Devoy, of New Zealand - a moment of fury aimed largely at herself bul interpreted as aggression towards referee, Bob Johnson, and incurring dire penalties. The worst part for Lisa Opie was probably the withdrawal such an act produced in Jonah Barrington, the former world champion, with whom she was training at the time.

The Wembley outburst was merely the most public in a series of similar tantrums down the years. Barrington's outraged reaction was just

lonely girl whose all-too-public adolescence was littered young professional who has with broken relationships training with weights this year personal

professional. with her great rival, Martine Le Moignan, the squash road for Lisa Opie has offered a great deal of travel but not many arrivals of note. On the individual level there has always been a problem player

Le Moignan and more

latterly Lucy Soutter on the domestie front, Australia's Vicki Cardwell and Devoy from overseas. She has probably played more major finals than any female player since the unmatchable Heather Mackay. Bul in the big two, the British Open and the World Championship, she has been ever the bridesmaid.

She was one of the fancied English team which finished second to the Australians amid bitter recriminations in the 1983 World Championships, and she was virtually excluded, by a combination of her own actions and shrewd enemy manipulations, from the team that beat Devoy's New Zealanders in the 1985

'I work it out for myself now'

"Now I have learned to be alone," she says. "Other peo-ple create the pressures in my life. Sometimes I went on court with so much advice from so many people I did not know where to start. I was just confused.

"I work it out for myself now. Sometimes I get it wrong. But at least I am travelling in one direction at a time and can see the wrong turnings although sometimes only after I've taken them."

She was triumphant after winning back the national title at Bristol, beating both Soutter and Le Moignan in a superb and sustained display of racket skill and athleticism. You had all written me off." she crowed at squash journalists during the champions' press conference.

It was a fair accusation. Temperament, a long battle with a mystery virus and repeated failure at last burdles combined to suggest Miss Opie was a brilliant promise never to be fulfilled in world

"Too soon," she says now of such naiversal damnation. "I and I am stronger, lighter and quicker than I have ever been.

If things in the women's game more generally were as positive as Miss Opie now appears to be, it would all be a deal more wonderful. One of the attractions of the London Standard British Doubles, besides the celebration, is un-doubtedly the £350 prize money.

We seem to have gone backwards

Little enough by modern sporting standards. Even the men's top prize of £450 is small beer compared to the US \$1 million prize fund of their new world grand prix structure. But significant to a women's national champion who has been without even a racket contract for a year and is having trouble organizing a continuous competitive track to next April's British Open and the World Championship in New Zealand next August.

"The men have really got themselves organized with their national league and international grand prix circuit. We seem to have gone backwards by comparison. There is less competition for women than for a long time

She has taken to entering men's tournaments for match practise. Just last week she won two and lost two in a Northern round-robin event finally won by Bryan Beeson, the surprise winner of the men's national title in Bristol "I have always played friendlies with the guys at Nottingham, but it is different

to meet them on a genuine competitive basis," says Miss Opie. "Much more fun." It was not much fun for the women who met her, fresh from such preparations, on the Australasian circuit this year, when she won almost everything except, predictably, the New Zealand Open

final against Susan Devoy. "I think I found myself at last in Australia and New Zealand," she says, "I went on my own just to get the games. There was a point when I nearly cracked up, but I forced myself to work it out and keep

playing.
"I haven't looked back since. Perhaps I have finally



for a doubles success as well (Photograph: Stephen Line)

Making the jump from a novice to a world champion

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Sports writers of The Times pean Champion present their selection from the sporting books of the year. Today: Jenny MacArthur on the best from the world of eauestrianism.

When Locinda Green, the when Licinda Green, the former world and European three-day event champion, had her first lesson from the Olympic show jumping gold medallist, Hans Winkler, in 1974, he watched her for a while and then asked: "What sort of a barse is his De Felicities of the page 1975. this Be Fair then - if he can win Badminton in splite of you?" It is typical of Mrs Green's

self-deprecating manner that she should include this anecdote she should include this anecdote in her latest book Cross-Country Riding. Whatever short-comings she may have had then in Winkler's eyes, she is now probably better-qualified than anyone in the world to write it. In addition to being European champion twice and world champion once she has the formidable record of having won Badminton. record of having won Badminton six times on six different horses.

Her object in this book, which s aimed at all riders, whethe they are competing in a small nter trial or a major three-day event, is to show the correct way event, is to show the correct way to jump every type of cross-country fence, from sunken road to Irish bank, and from open ditch to ski-jump. She does this with the aid of Kit Houghton's superb photographs. Riders are pictured jumping fences in various positions and Mrs Green makes her comments alengaide.

makes her comments alongside. Her writing, just like her riding, is fluent and instinctive. This is her fourth book, and she puts her message across with ease and in the simplest terms. Wheo describing the "wonderful" feeling of achieving independence of seat from hands – fundamentals to cross-country riding – she likens it to the moment when, as a child, ber bicycle first stayed in a straight line and did not "turn into a frenzied snake," when she let go of the handlebars.

Mrs Virginia Leng, who sac-ceeded Mrs Green as World Champion this year, readily admits the debt she owes Mrs Green. In her autobiography, Ginny, written under her maiden mane of Holgate with Genevieve Murphy, she tells of the hours spent watching Mrs Green on video trying to pinpoint why she was so brilliant at cross-country. She would play her from take-off to landing in slow metion watching he trees her trees the speciment. ing her position at every mo-ment. She noticed that as Mrs Green was never in front of the horse's movement coming into a

horse's movement coming into a fence she was never in a position to lose her balance as it was trying to get out of trouble.

Since winning the individual bronze medal at the Los Angeles Olympics, Mrs Leng has been musble to put a foot wrong. She won the individual and team gold medal in the 1985 Euro-

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same again at this year's World Championships. But hers has been a long, hard struggle in the top. la spite of this, as one might expect from the fun-loving Mrs Leng, she tells her tale with spirit – there are plenty of high jinks and practical jokes punctuating the serious and dedicated business of eventing.

The hunting field is the musery ground of many of Britain's top riders — Mrs Green, Captain Mark Phillips, David Broome and Harvey Smith to name but n few. They all acknowledge the debt they owe to hunting where, apart from learning to stay on through thick and thin, they first experienced the excitement of jumping forces at excitement of jumping fences at speed.

John Watson, who has bunted with over 200 packs of hounds in Britain and abroad since becom-Britain and abroad since becoming hunting correspondent to Country Life in 1969, captures the thrill and comradeship of hunting in his latest book British and Irish Hunts and Huntanen, Volume III, which he describes modestly in the introduction as "a collection of a further 64 peaportraits of fox, stag and hare hunts."

It is much more than that. By tracing the histories of each hunt (accompanied with numerous and often spectacular photographs) and establishing the integral part they play in the countryside, Major Watson has made a contribution to social history as well as experien history as well as sporting literature. Husting, as he points out, is much more a devotion, a way of tile, than a sport.

way of life, than a sport.

In the introduction he lists the numerous changes that have occurred in the countryside to the detriment of hunting. The anti-factors are a minor annoyance in comparison with the arban sprawl which has reduced the amount of huntable land. There are also problems of trapping — especially in Ireland, and the use of modern farm machinery and methods, which have drastically reduced the hare population, and the problem of keeping farmers happy with the ever-increasing manbers who frillow hounds.

But what astonishes Major Watson is the ability of the

various hunts to cope with these problems and, in most cases, continue to produce tremendous sport. The modern foxhound has sport. The moment toxasoma has long impressed with its ability to adapt to modern conditions. The modern foxhunting man, it ap-pears, is no less adaptable.

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Bigger role demanded by Africa

Algiers (AFP) — African sports leaders are demanding a bigger role for the continent in world sport. The Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) will examine a manifesto calling for a new sporting order when their general assembly convenes here this weekend.

"Africa, which has 45 national Olympic committees, is under-represented in the sport's poverning bodies." Lamine Ba, the SCSA secretary, said.

"Africa has made a real breakthrough in international football since 1982 and has shown it can be competitive in many athletics events. So we see no reason why we should tolerate any longer the fact we have just two qualifiers for the World Cup finals," be said.

"It's important that Africa and Asia, which represent 80 national Olympic committees between them, reinforce existing ties," he added.

He said the boycott of this year's Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, because of the British government's failure in enforce trade sanctions against South Africa, had demonstrated the solidarity of African and Asian countries.

BASKETBALL **BCP** recover to

beat Leicester BCP London picked them-selves up from last Sunday's defeat at Kingstoo to record a close-fought 111-105 victory over Leicester on Wednesday

night. Leading 57-54 at half-time, BCP let their 10-point lead slip to two points midway through the second half after an explosive scoring run by Leicester's Clyde Vaughan, who finished with 29 points, and Barry Young

with 36 points. Inspirational play by the England international, Paul Stimpson, and Brian Kellybrew, BCP's player-coach, stemmed the tide, the pair collecting 24 and 23 points respectively. The London club now have won nine of thier ten games.

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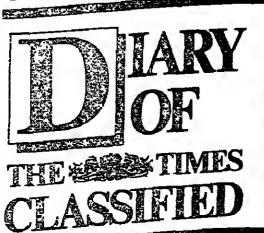
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Music Be Magic can strike winning note over untried distance

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Music Be Magic is napped certainly have got the measure to wio the Red Alligator Handicap Chase at Doocaster today, even though the distance of 2½ miles is new to him whereas Voice Of Progress, Amber Rambier and Repington, his principal rivals, are all proven over this

Having watched Music Be Magic finish strongly up Sandown's redonbtable hill, where he made Berlin fight to the last gasp, it is my cootention that Gordon Richards' seven-year-old will now relish further than two miles.

Richards clearly thinks so, too, otherwise he would have waited for his only other alternative engagements in the near future which are both over two miles at Ayr next

So if we assume that Music Be Magic can produce his best over this new distance, and he is certainly bred to do so, the question then to be answered is whether he will be good enough to master today's rivals. I believe he will.

The handicapper should

of the top weight, Voice Of Progress, by now and it is

significant that the stable jockey Richard Dunwoody is on duty at Warwick. Amber Rambler, on the

other hand, will be a thorn in any side. Yet there are form lines which suggest that Music Be Magic can cope with him on these terms. The first is that my nap beat him by five lengths when they met at level weights, albeit over two miles, at Wetherby first time out last

Second there is a line through Berlin which suggests that Music Be Magic does have 6lb in hand now. At Sandown he was giving Berlin 5lb when beaten a head by him. Yet only a fortnight earlier, at Ascot, Amber Ram-bler had finished four lengths behind Berlin when attempting to give exactly the same amount of weight away.

So with Repington penal-ized 4th for winning at Wetherby last Saturday, I believe the stage is set for performance recently over the Music Be Magic to regain the same course and distance.

winning trail having finished second in his last two races.

Playschool (1.45) and Buck Up (2.15) are others who now look poised to pick up the winning thread again after experiencing misfortune last

Playschool, my selection for the Merryman II Novices' Chase, looked like winning at Cheltenham last Saturday when he came down three fences from home.

Before that, he had beaten Comeragh King, who in turn looked like winning at Haydock on Wednesday until he fell at the penultimate As for Buck Up, my selec-tion for the EBF Sea Pigeon

Handicap Hurdle, she was poised to run away with her second race of the season until she was uprooted by the second-last hurdle. At Warwick, I give Cottage Run a good chance of winning the Budbrooke Novices'

Chase following that good



The Neville Crump-trained Repington, who won in good style at Wetherby last Saturday, makes a speedy reappearance in the Red Alligator Handicap Chase over two and a half miles at Doncaster today

DONCASTER

Selections **By Mandarin**

12.45 Shannie. 1.15 Carousel Rocket. 1.45 Playschool.

2.15 Buck Up. 2.45 MUSIC BE MAGIC (nap). 3.15 Bigsun.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 BUCK UP (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.45 PLAYSCHOOL

Going: good

12.45 LOTTERY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1.194: 2m 150wd) (0-02113 JUST ALICK (S Childs) M H Easterby 7-12-10. FIFTH COLUMN (M Wilesmith) M Wilesmith 8-10-0_ SHANNUE (O O'Ned) D O'Ned 7-10-0____

1986: PRESS GANG 10-11-9 M Bowby (Evens lav) J S Wilson 3 ran FORM JUST ALICK (11-5) found a 7lb penelty too much when 11l 3rd to Lochrum (11-8) at Nottingha: (2m, £1624, good, Dec 1, 4 ran) after previously landing the odds in a smiler event at Markin Rasen, ABERSING (9-9) kept on under pressure to beat Franch Nephew (10-2) a length when delimer-addent Custorick last time (2m, £1454, good to firm, Dec 8, 9 ran). CHESTINUT PRINCE has disappointed twice recently, best effort this season (10-0) beating The Weider (11-7) a neck at Worcester (2m, £1698, good to firm, Dec 10, 7 ran). FIFTH COLUMN needed race on resupearance, seen to best advantage text season when (10-5) at Warwick (2m, £1024, soft, Apr 18, 13 ran). Last time out SHANNIE (9-8 was claimer-ridden when 8/2 and to Aldro (12-0) at Uttoxeter (2m, £1621, soft, Dec 4, 6 ran).

1.15 SAUCY KIT NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,712: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1	21	CAFFIER! (J Upson) T Casey 10-12		8-1	1
2	21	CAROUSEL ROCKET (A Saccomando) R Whiteler 10-12 M Brusons	96	F5-2	ı
3	31	RAFFLES ROGUE (D) (D Redmile) M Camacho 10-12	91	8-1	ı
5		ALARM CALL (Mrs A Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-7 M Dwyer		5-1	J
6	02	DRY GRN (L. Naylor) M Chapman 10-7	79	3-1	1
7	2	FORT LINO (C Lewis) C Holmes 10-7	• 99	10-1	1
11		KLOSTERBRAU (Mrs P Joynes) J Spearing 10-7		12-1	ı
12		MASNOON (A Wilkinson) Danys Smith 10-7	-	14-1	ı
15	60	NAYSHAN (Ness A Hawkes) E Wheeler 10-7	_	_	ı
18		KNOCKALENA (W Ensom) H Fleming 10-2	_	_	1
19		MARINA PLATA (O Cheprisin) D Cheprisin 10-2. P Nives 1985: IBN MAJED 10-12 J McLeughlin (100-30) C Speres 18 ran	89	_	۱

FORM CAFFIERI (10-10) beat Old Dublin (10-10) a length in a Maiden Hurdle at Traise (2m. £1037, heavy, Aug 25, 19 ran) CAROUSEL ROCKET showed manging improvement when (10-7) beating this is a Gastrie (10-7) 154 in a Westberby guienile event with MARINIA PLATA (10-2) 10 further sway in 4th Sattle 5, good, Dec 6, 18 ran). RAFFLES ROCKET when the MARINIA PLATA (10-2) 10 further sway in 4th batting on like a stayer to beat Dunston (10-10) 1st at Utboxeter, with KLOSTERBRAU (10-10) below form 28L away in 6th and KNOCKALENA (10-5) a poor 7th (2m 4f, £685, soft, Dec 4, 18 ran). DRY GRN (10-10) had absolutely no chance with run away wisher High Knowl (10-10) at Leicester and was beaten 30the can improve on that (2m, £714, soft, Nov 28, 20 ran). FORT LINO (10-10) beaten 151 by the well-regarded Mareth Line (10-10) at Worcester, that was no disgrace on his debut (2m, £721, good to soft, Dec 3, 20 ran).

1.45 MERRYMAN II NOVICE CHASE (£1,555: 3m 122yd) (6 runners)

WHEN A			
227	CAMROC (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-10-10 K Jones		18-1
424220	JAPLING (J Thomas) J D Thomas 8-10-10	68	10-1
621-F1F	JENNIE PAT (BF) (J Thompson Farms Ltd) G Richards 0-10-10	83	4-1
00-1200	NO-U-TURN (S Tindell) 8 Mellor 8-10-10	60	8-1
44443-0	VOYANT (T Wragg) D L Williams 7-10-10 3 Crank	-	3-1
19	165: SOPHISTICATED 7-8-12 Miles A Besumont (12-1) Mrs A Tomkinson 8 ran		
	434220 21-F1F 10-1200 14443-0	424220 JAPLING (J Thomes) J D Thomes 8-10-10	#34220 JAPLING (J Thomas) J D Thomas 8-10-10 D Tegg (7) 68: 21-F1F JENNE PAT (BF) (J Thompson Famus Lind) G Richards 0-10-10 P Tuck 83 (0-1200 MO-U-TURN (S Tindel) 8 Melico 8-10-10 G Landeu (4) 60 (4443-0 VOYANT (T Wragg) D L Williams 7-10-10 C C Landeu (4) 40

FORM PLAYSCHOOL, going well when falling 3 out last time, previously (11-1) scored an impressive St victory over Comeragh King (11-0) on chasing debut at Newbury (2m 4f, £4143, good to soft, Nov 22, 10 ran). CANRICC made mistakes on esseparance, last year (17-3) finished 4;12nd to Tartan Triumph (11-11) at Aw (3m 110yds, £1310, good to soft, Nov 22, 4 ran). JAPLING (10-12) was a distant 6th to Spartan Orient (11-3) last time with JENNIE PAT (11-1) in 2nd when felling at the 5th lest at Ubsceter (3m 2f, £2804, soft, Dec 4, 14 ran). JAPLING proviously (11-7) finished 21 2nd to fir Chris (11-7) at Sedgefield (3m 2f, £60yds, £1755, good, Nov 28, 10 ran). JENNIE PAT on penultimate start (11-9) quickened well to best Dutch Lord (11-4) Hat Ayr (3m 110yds, £1610, good to soft, Nov 21, 11 ran). NO-U-TURIN, ran indifferently last time, previously (11-2) disappointing tavoustie on chasing debut when around 25i 5th to Tom Causen (11-0) at Windsor (2m 40yds, £1765, good, Nov 8, 16 ran).

Selection: PLAYSCHOOL

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103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Ars J Ryley) 8 Hall 8-10-0 ... Racecard number. Draw to brackets. Str-figure and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest form (F-feil, P-pulled up. U-unsected rider. B-brought down. S-ettyped up. R-rofused). Horse's weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times name (B-birkners, V-stor. H-hood. E-Eyserheid. C-private Hendlamper's rating. Approximate starting price. 2.15 EBF SEA PIGEON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,965: 2m 150yd) (6 runners)

10/00F4- FLAREY SARIK (S Marsh) Fl Fisher 9-11-11 122-31F SEAGRAM (EF) (Maincrest Ltd) IJ Barons 6-10-7 11F-000 OLD MCK (J Hanson) J Hanson 5-10-1 4114-2F BUCK UP (EF) (L+Col R Warden) M H Easterby 4-10-0 2443-00 SEA PEN 1986: WINTER MEASURE 0-11-7 M Pitman (15-8 fav) Mrs J Pitman 8 ran

FORM PLAREY SARK, a top class handicapper on his day has been disappointing since 1984/5. Best effort last term a (10-7) 151 4th to River Certog (10-9) at Ayr (2m, 25145, good, Apr 18, 7 ram). SEAGRAM, who has been nowice classing with a reasonable degree of success this Autumn, (11-2) was far from disgraced when 71 2nd to Lanhydrock (10-4) at Wercester (2m 2f, 2f747, good, Nov 20, 18 ran). BUCK UP fell when inciding every chance last time, certer (11-6) inhished 22 2nd to Doughty Robel (10-13) in a Sedgefield handicap hundle (2m 4f, 2f1319, good to firm, Oct 21, 10 ran). SEA PERMANT has been disappointing since (10-9) 44/1 ard to Stars And Stripes (10-6) at Newton Abbot (2m, 22582, soft, May 20, 11 ran). PAVOUR-EY-PON-TURIE (10-7) a one paced 7/41 6fth to Ballyarry (11-0) at Newcaste with CLD NECK (11-10) below form unplaced the money (2m 1f, 21240, good, Nov 15, 18 ran). Selection: SEAGRAM

2.45 RED ALLIGATOR HANDICAP CHASE (£3,947; 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 14F-133 VOICE OF PROGRESS (D) (M Vestey) O Nicholson 8-11-10 13 111-13 AMBER RAMBLER (C) (D Shverton) H Whateon 7-10-13 4 FF-U422 Brusic SE MAGIC (N Mason) G Richards 7-10-12 6 11/11-PP (KYOTO (D) (B Monkhouse) J Jenkins 8-10-10 6 11/11-PP (KYOTO (D) (B Monkhouse) J Jenkins 8-10-10 6 11/11-PP (KYOTO (D) (B Monkhouse) J Jenkins 8-10-10 6 11/11-PP (KYOTO (D) (B Monkhouse) J Jenkins 8-10-10 (B Monkhouse) J Shveride 8-10-10 (B Monkhouse) J Monkhouse 8-10-10 (B Monkhouse) J Monkhouse 8-10-10 (B Monkhouse) J W Blundell 11-10-0 (B Monkhouse) J Monkhouse 8-10-2 S Shverwood (8-1) K Bailey 6 ran P Tuck 699 F6-4 98 41

FORM VOICE OF PROGRESS (10-11), is best when fresh, an easy 12 win from W Str Times (10-7) at Newbury on reappearance (2m 44, 25990, good, Oct 24, 7 ran), twice below that form subsequently, AMBER RAMBLER (11-5) was tar from disgraced when 55/1 3rd to Church Warden (10-7) at Ascot (2m 44, 21884, good, Nov 15, 6 ran). MUSIC BE NAGED (11-7) cause right back to his best only latting by a head to best Benth (11-2) at Sandown (2m 18yds, 27 119, good to soft, Nov 29, 7 ran). NOVTO has been pulled up twice this season. Best effort last term (12-7) an unchallenged of winner from Landgrance (11-1) at Newton Aboot (2m 51, 2284, good to form, Aug 3, 7 ran). RPPRINGTON (10-7) was alweign standy when a 4t viencer from Socies. Downs (10-11) at Wetherby last time (2m 4f 100yds, 23766, good, Dec 6, 7 ran). NUDOS (10-1) looked one paced when 63 and to Jimbrook (11-7) at Wetherby (3m 100yds, 23707, good, Dec 6, 5 ran).

3.15 DOORNOCKER NOVICE HURDLE (£856: 3m 122yd) (19 runners)

1	P022P/1	ALWINS BOY (Mrs S Marks) J King 7-11-2, S McNeil	- 84	12-	۱
8	000P-44	BIGSUN (BF) (J Horn) D Nicholson 5-10-10 R Beggen	39	7-	1
		BIG TORGER (J Hanson) J Hanson 8-10-10 # Daryer		3-	1
١ī		BRIGHTNER (O Horswell) K Belley 5-10-10		10-	1
2		DYLAN'S PRIDE (C Lewis) D Berons 7-10-10 P Michails		94	2
4	423/0-00	GALLANT MATIVE (Mrs A Booton) M Castell 6-10-10	71	_	_
6	3P/PP-PE	HAPPY HERO (B) (C F Lee) C F Lee 8-10-10 D Share	_	_	_
8	P	OATLANDER (S Pickard) Miss G Pickard 10-10-10	_	_	
9		QUEENS PATTERN (Mrs M Devison) P Beaumont 8-10-10 Miss A Sesumont (7)	78	-	_
Q		RIVERSFIELD PARK (Transplant Ltd) C Holmes 5-10-10	90	20-1	ı
2	UFP00	SEALED OFFER (Miss J Hay) P Beaumors 8-10-10	-	_	
3		SILENT MANUAL (Mrs C Brudenge-Bruce) M H Easterby 5-10-10 L Wyer	_	16-1	ı
ч		TOO OFTEN (B Sollse) K Bridgwater 7-10-10 W Worthington	#5	_	-
6	2	CHARTER HARDWARE (Charter Racing Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-7 C Mann	€ 99	F3-1	ı
7	0040-00	CHART FINDER (B Kilpetrick) A Smith 4-10-7 PTuck	78	_	_
8		DOM RURE (A Williamson) Denys Smith 4-10-7 C Grant	_	_	
8	00-0	OUR DUDLEY (Mrs R Barrett) Mrs R Barrett 4-10-7	71	_	•
3	400-403	KERSTELLA (Lord Cadogan) N Crusop 5-10-5 C Hawkins	82	6-1	
4		SAVOLEYRES (Dr L Party) Dr L Party 0-10-5	_	_	•
		1985: POWERFUL PADDY 5-10-10 M Dwyer (6-4 fay) Jimmy Fitzoerald 22 ran			

FORM ALWINS BOY (11-0) all out to beat herrier (11-0) 2L with OLEENS PATTERM (11-0) a well beaten 7th at Luckow (3m. 11 190) ds, 2761, firm, Oct 24, 15 ran). BIGSUN (10-10) finished (8 4th to Another Nortok (10-1) with CHART FRIDER (10-1) a twither (10 back in dth and 3AVOLETRES (10-0) and HAPPY HERO (10-0) both out of comention at Merket Resen (3m. £1386, good to soft, Nov 22, 15 ran). BIG TOGGER (10-7) Improved on past efforts with a 51 2nd to Old Meg (10-5) at Wetherby, a race in which CHART FRIDER (10-7) made no show (3m. £685, good, Dec 8, 19 ran). O'LAN'S PRIDE, weekend up the run-in last time, previously (11-7) was a 712nd to Henry Lancaster (10-5) at Werwick (2m.51, £833, good to soft, Nov 27, 21 ran). BIVERSPEELD PARK (11-4) has yet to reproduce an 1134 4th to Deer Creek (11-0) at Softonom (2m. £1772, soft, Jan 31, 19 ran). CHARTER HARDWARE (11-0) finished 23 3rd (promoted to 2nd to Button Your Lip (11-0) on his hunding debut at Worcester (2m.41, £1014, soft, Nov 18, 24 ran). Selection: BIG TOGGER

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Going: good to soft 1.0 HAMPTON NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: 3-Y-O: £685; 2m) (20 runners)

S Norsheed 97 F64
... 8 Sherwood 9 9 3-1
... J Lower (4) 93 4-1
... 8 Moore ... 10-1
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... P Dever 00 ... 80 12-1
9 McKacyan (7) ITTHAAD (M Surt) R Akehunat 10-10.
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1985: BOB AND PETER 10-10 J Lower (20-1) M Pipe 25 ren 1.30 YOUNGSTERS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (2548: 2m) (13 runners)

0000-P0 CHAISE LONGUE (C Wrigin) H C'Neill 4-10-12
GREYFRIARS QUEEN (Mrs. D Alborn) R Curtis 4-10-12
0040 CHORISTERS DIREAM (B) (Mrs. A Lodge) J Perrett 8-10-5
00 RUPERT BROOKE (H Merr) I Cox 6-10-5
02 TRIER GATE (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 3-10-5
0101 AURT ETTY (CD) (M Switt) M Pipe 3-10-4
8 BAYVIEW GAL (R Juckes) R Juckes 6-10-0
BOLT PETAL (M Pomton) D Burchell 3-10-0 M Hoed — — — Dele McKeown — — PO DEBORAN COT (Mrs S Greathead) T Greathead 3-10-0.
P LA BELLE OF SANTO (B Welle) 8 Wells 3-10-0.
LA GRANDE DAME (T Gover) R Simpson 3-10-0.
O L'ETORLE DU PALE (S B BUNdel) B SINVERS 3-10-0.
O SOLENT FLYER (N Pay) S Stevens 3-10-0. 1985: POOELLA 8-10-0 G Landau (Evens lav) S Mellor 9 ran 2.0 STONELEIGH HANDICAP CHASE (£1,741: 3m) (13 runners)

2 01F211/ (T'S ONLY A JOKE C (Mrs M Fry) T Forster 0-11-9
3 411F-24 POLAR SUNSET (D.BF) (C MacShainley) T Forster 8-11-8...
4 2711220- MACOLIVER (B.D) (A J Bingley Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 3-11-7...
5 2222-00 GAINSAY (B) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-5
6 2PD-440 GALESBURRG (B) (R Jenics) N Gaselee 7-11-5...
8 POF3/4-U HY-KO (C.D) (Mrs M Brubskey) D Gandelto 10-10-11 Mr M Armytage (?)
H Davies
G Brackey
P Scudanore
D Browne 96 4-1 90 ---94 8-1 81 0-1 8 POF3/4-U HY-KO (C,D) (Mrs M Brubsker) D Gandelfo 10-10-1
8 33130-2 ROYSCRIPT (D) (G Hutsby) J Chugg 9-10-10.
10 3U/121-0 DARGAI (Maj J Uricufrari) R Armytaga 10-10-7.
11 0P00-11 ROGAIRIO (C,D) (M Popham) P Balley 10-10-5.
12 1/F-0 MISTER SIGO (V Kigkenny) J Webber 7-10-2.
13 21-1210 RIVER WARRIOR (C) (J Bradley) J Bradley 8-10-2.
16 P0030-U MORTH LANE (G C Bisgrove Ltd) M Pipe 9-10-0.
17 0P/150- BARNABY SAM (J Hobson) R Hollinshead 7-10-0. 33 929 32 12-1 99 12-1 94 17-2

1985: ROADSTER 8-12-2 A Webber (4-1 jt-lav) C Nash 8 ran

2.30 BUDBROOKE NOVICE CHASE (£1,880: 2m) (19 runners) 2.30 BUDBROOKE NOVICE CHASE (£1,880: 2m) (19 runners)

1 20P2-F1 COTTAGE RUN C-D (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 8-11-11 R Derivood)
2 200P/ AZIANO (H Mould) D Nicholson 6-11-4 T Pfilled (7)
5 22110-8 DANCER IN PARIS (K Phifield) J Cosgrave 0-11-4 T Pfilled (7)
10 000-000 PLYING TENDERFOOT (£) (Mrs J Harvoy) P Balley 5-11-4 K Moonen
11 23P2-FF GALA'S BMAGE (Sheish All Abu Khemsin) Mrs M Filmel 6-11-4 S Moushest
13 PROF-00 GOLDEN DESTINY (M Hotmas) K Morgan 7-11-4 K Rysen (7)
6 01U3-04 JCHM FEATHER (P) (A Philips) D Burchell 7-11-4 W Knox (4)
16 500-2FF KITTINGER (H Joel) A Turnell 5-11-4 Shrve Knigh
17 00P4-09 MAGWA (G Lugg) T Forster 5-11-4 Mrs M Armytsage (7)
18 6P0P/4 MASTER BRABINGER (J Tucker) A Burrow 7-11-4 J Herst (7)
19 70P4-09 MAGWA (G Lugg) T Forster 5-11-4 Mrs M Armytsage (7)
22 2(0122-3 RIOCEUS (M Murray) Mrs M Dictinson 7-11-4 G Bradley
24 3/ ROMAN SON (Mrs J D Crappell) N Gaseles 5-11-4 D Brown
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accolade after thrilling display Champion jockey Peter other go st the Grand National." Scudamore and the 1983 Grand Hills have cut his Aintree odd

National winner, Corbiere, were applauded all the way into the winner's enclosure by Haydock Park's sporting crowd after s superb victory in the Ronnie Johnston Memorial Chase

Vesterday.

Corbiere turned in such a thrilling performance - making all and jumping like a stag to beat Hardy Lad by eight lengths - that Scudamore told his delighted trainer, Jenny Pitman: "Any jockey who takes the riding fee for Corbiere is taking money under false pretences. His owner, Brian Burrough, ought to charge £100 for the ride on the old horse".

Scudamore came in for the ride because Corbiere's regular partner, Ben de Haan, was injured at Huntingdon on Wednesday. Gaining two lengths at every fence, he had seen the 2-1

favourite, Kumbi, off before the home straight and went five lengths clear at the second-last, coming home unchallenged from Hardy Lad, the winner of this event last year.
Mrs Pitman said: "I love the

of cancer research last week and he loves doing things like that he appreciated a change in

felt good afterwards but we've got a fair way to go yet with him," she said.

The jockey in form at Haydock was Graham Bradley

Thomas hopes to break ground in January and complete the course in autumn 1988 for an official opening the following With the rain having softened the track, it was a day for mudlarks and five times Flat winner Mister Point came in 15
lengths clear for his hurdles
debut in the Hindley Green
Novices' Hurdle while Yahoo
beat the favourite Dutch Lord by five lengths in the Birkdale Novices' Chase.

old horse and its lovely to see the people appreciating a champion. He went to Oxford dogs excellent comeback to win by 20

Pipe went on to complete s double and gain his 35th success of the season with the former Barry Hills-trained Flat winner High Knowl, who won by 30 lengths first time out over hypelles at Leigetter. The rain overnight belped him today and if be is still enjoying himself be'll have anhurdles at Leicester.

Jockey Club investigate complaint by Curley

The Jockey Club are investigating a complaint over the running of novice hurdler Robin low at Ascot last month. The complaint has been made by the Newmarket trainer and wellthe Newmarket trainer and well-known gambler Barney Curley.
Curley has no connection with the Toby Balding trained five-year-old, but wrote to the Jockey Club complaining about his running in the Kennelgate Novices' Hurdle at Ascot on November 15 when Robin Goodfellow was the heavily backed 13-8 favourite but finished eight lengths behind Teletrader.

A fortnight later, in the

Haydock Park Southwell lost results

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Geing: soft

1.0 (2m Indie) 1, MOSTER POINT (G
Bradley, 4-1); 2, Supreme Cherter (C
Mann, 5-1); 3, Avec Coeur (A Carroll, 8-1).
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Wei Rigged, 15-2
Regal Steel, 10 Smithy's Choica, 11
Northern Gembler (5th), 12 New Gold
Dream (4th), 14 Bundsburg, 20 Main
Reason, Smithy Bear (5th), Vickstown, 25
Cool Recoption, 33 Faidros (put, Victor
Herbert, D's Wag, Don't Se Late,
Highdate (up), Passage 10 Freedom (pu),
St Anto. 20 ran. 15, 77, 8, 4, 254. C Tinider
et Maiton. Tote: 28.50; 22.40, 21.80,
22.30. DF: 232.50. CSP: 232.03.

21.80. DF: 24.50. CSF: \$13.31.

3.0 (2m 61 hdie) 1, ASTICOT (A Carroll, 5-4 fav); 2, Philip Athledic (S Kediewell, 4-1); 3, Dr Carredius (M Brisbourne, 25-1). ALSO PAN: 11-2 Track Marshall (1), 7 lts A Lauch (pu), 8 Tipo Style (3rl), 10 Nathesh (4th), Nashipod (pu), 12 Earth Works (pu), 9 ran. NR: Scoth Head, 121, 101, 151, dist. 0 Wintle at Westbury-on-Severn. Tota: 52.40; 21.40, 21.80, 123.00. DF: 25.70. CSF: 28.00. Bought in 2.900cm. CSF: £8.00. Bought in 2,900gns.
3.30 (2m hole) 1. HGM KNOWL. (J. Lower, 27 fay); 2. Hotpstein (K Doolsn, 50-1); 3. Ouese Of Swords (P Dever, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Cassal Pase (Sh), 12 Burhasin (pu), Bantel Busty (491), 33 Coisin Lustin, Unox-Plained, 50 Cricket-House (pu), Next Dance (6th), The Stamp Dealer. Arras Style (pu), Kely Lindo (pu), Love At Last, Schndon MRI. 15 ran. 8, 12, 40, 31, 24, M Pipa st Wellington, Total 21, 40; 21, 10, 25,00, 21,50. DF: 231,80. CSF: 232,96.
Placepot: 222,20.

Sundown Park, Robin Goodfellow produced a big turn-around, beating the odds-on Teletrader by nine lengths. Robin Goodfellow was ridden

Robin Goodfellow was ridden in both races by Graham Bradley, stylish first jockey to the powerful Monica Dickinson stable.

Yesterday, Monica Dixon, the Jockey Club press officer, confirmed that the security department were investigating the complaint and would submit their report in due course. But she streased that such written she stressed that such written complaints were not that

22.30. DF: 232.50. CSF: 223.03.

1.30 (3m ch) 1, YAHOO (6 Bradley, 7-2);
2. Dutch Lord (C Grant, 7-4 fav); 3,
Woodaide Road (R Dunwoody, 3-1).
ALSO RAN: 5 Another Dragon (pu), 20
Royal Reply (pu), 25 Gamewood (4th),
Deop Auburn, 7 ran, 9, 8, 11/6. J Hanson
at Westerby, Tote: 23.20; 21.40, 21.70.
DF: 23.10. CSF: 29.55

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1): 0 (2m hdie) 1. KESCAST (Li Lower, S-1): 2. Accurate (K Cotter, 7-1): 3. Chi Meil (A Murphy, 7-1): 4. Black Sheep (P Bowman, 7-1). ALSO RANK 7-4 fate Black River (5th), 6 Tashonya, 14 Shedy Legacy. 18 Traffitanci (f), 20 Bugatif (8th), London Leader, Matalot, Violino Pardongo, 25 Private Labet, 33 Trockman, Townswille, Prutty Amazing, 16 an. MFz Priceotione, Flori Wonder, 20, 44, 11, 54, 12. M Pice at Weilington. Tote: 29.00: £2.00. £1.70, \$1.80, \$1.40. UF: £88.20. CSF: £43.98. Tricast: £239.97.

Racing at Southwell yesterday was cancelled an hour before the start following several hours of torrential rain. After an inspec-tion, the stewards announced that the ground at several of the fences was waterlogged.

It is the second meeting to be lost this jumping season following Hexham's abandonment earlier this month because of

is to be introduced to Scottish courses and extended to all enclosures at other courses start-ing on Boxing Day, although £1 each-way bets and £1 dual forecast permutations will continue to be accepted.

Peter Easterby has booked champion jockey Peter Seudamore to partner Nohalmdun in the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle st Ascot

Lincoln entries

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The clouds lifted three weeks ago when Immagolf, a sabsidiary of European Ferries, took over the responsibility of developing the resort, on land formerly owned by the Domecq sherry family. The cost will be about £90 million, with the Domecq massion incorporated in a leverious club house. The same company own the La Manga Club, 200 miles north along the Mediterranean coast-line, and the new resort, so far Corbiere receives annamed, will be developed along the same lines, with the golf course and property owner-ship going hand in hand. The area, 15 minutes from

Clouds lift

on place in sun for

Jacklin

By John Hennessy Tony Jacklin's dream came n tittle nearer to realization yesterday with the announcement of

plans for a golf and country of the idea two years ago

when his involvement at a Soto-

grande club came to an end with

a change of ownership but it seemed it would founder for lack

seemed it would lounder.

If that spent 18 frustrating months "sitting in the sun with little to do. I fretted and worried. After making the original announcement people kept asking me how things were going, when they weren't going at all.

"There would have been egg on my face if it didn't happen, and for a long time I thought it wasn't going to happen. I'm not the sort of man who wants to be associated with failure."

Bearing in mind his golden days when he held both the Open and American Openfor a few remarkable weeks in 1969/70, one can well understand the sentiment.

The clouds lifted three weeks ago when lumngolf, a subsidiary

The area, 15 minutes from Gibraltar airport, covers 340 acres and David Thomas, who has been engaged as architect, is planning a lay-out to suit alicomers, varying from 7,000 yards for championships to 5,750 yards from the ladies' tees. The stite is a mile from the

The site is a mile from the Meditteranean, adjacent to So-togrande, and is being land-

scaped with spectators in mind, since the various "hotel units,"

since the various "notel units,"
in bungalows or villa form, will
tend to nverlook the course.
They will sell within a price
range from £125,000-£250,000.
The complex, like La Manga,
will be designed with the family
in mind, those who resist the
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colf course, can turn their

golf course, can turn their attentions to tennis, riding, and

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kangaroos

of course swimming.

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Hills have cut his Aintree odds from 33-1 to 25-1. Mrs Piuman added: "His next race could be the Coral Welsh National or a four-miler at Cheltenham New Year's

Mrs Pitman have good news of her other star chaser, the 1984 Gold Cup winner, Burrough Hill Lad. "He did a good bit of work on Wednesday. His legs

who completed s 21 1/2-1 double on Mister Point and Yahoo.

Kescast kept up the tremendous form of Martin Pipe's stable in the Beeches Farm Conditional Handicap Hurdle when running for the first time

odds-on favourites

The junior Kangaroos, the Joeys, or simply the Australian High School team, are regarded first international match against Great Britain st Wigan's Central Park tonight, in a match which is getting sponsorship support from Wigan Metropolitan Bor-

ough Council and Greater Man-chester Council.

The Australian schoolboys squad were founded in 1972, and since then they have lost only one game, s provincial match against Auckland in 1982. In international matches

they are unbeaten.
The current junior Kangaroos are considered in Australia to be the strongest young squad ever produced and in their short tour so far they have equalled the performances of their seniors, the 1986 tourists, by winning every match by large margins. The Great Britain squad has been coached by the Rugby League's director of coaching. Phil Larder, and the team manager is Jackie Reid, who was manager of the 1983 tour of the Young Lions to New Zealand. The schoolboy curtain-raiser

to the Challenge Cup final at Wembley in May will be between the under-its of Leeds and Warrington.

The two New Zealand interoracme West, failed in their nttempts to play in this weekend's John Player Special Trophy matches. They made personal appearances before the disciplinary committee in Level. disciplinary committee in Leeds

disciplinary committee in Leeds but both were suspended for two matches each.

Tamati will miss the top match of the quarter-finals in which his club, Warrington travel for a derby game with St Helens tomorrow, and West, the Wigan skipper, will miss Sunday's home tie with Leigh.

HOCKEY

Tulse Hill may miss Glasgow Tulse Hill, who are among the

It use Hill, who are among the 32 surviving teams for the Royal Bank national indoor club championship, will probably withdraw from the Glenfiddich indoor tournament in Glasgow on January 10 and 11 (Sydney Friskin writes). Their place could be taken by Canada.

The 32 clubs for the Powel The 32 clubs for the Royal Bank tournament will play off in eight pools at various centres on January 11, with the winners of each pool qualifying for the final

each pool qualifying for the final stages at Crystal Palace on February 27.

DRAW: Bradford: Pool 1: West A. Peicars, Doncaster, South Notingham. Pool 2: Tutse Hd. Weston, Southport, Ott Bordenians. Maidenhead: Pool 2: Aderley Edge, West Herts, St Athans, Bromley. Pool 4: Fareham, Brosbourne, Browist, Eastoute, Swindow. Pool 6: Southgate, RAF Striks Command. Teddington, Harborne, Pool 6: Khaisa, Indian Hewits, West B, Slough, Woroester: Pool 7: East Grinstead, Stourport, Bournwille, Shelfield, Pool 8: West C, Pickwick, RAF Support Command. Chaltont St Pelor.

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SWIMMING

Leicester Council

will sponsor first

trust fund event

Swimming's recent decision

in allow competitors to have

their open short course meeting

Invitations have gone out to a number of international cham-

pions, both at home and abroad.

and one of the first to accept is

the Leeds' breaststroke record-breaker Adrian Moorhouse.

who admits to being thrilled by Leicester's initiative in setting

"It is what our sport has needed for a long time," Moorhouse said. "I don't think

the opportunity to win money in

this way will upset the spirit

added incentive and that must be good for the future of British

Whereas the Leicester City Council will be underwriting the

space, placing banners around the pool and making donations.

jury found this was a technical breach of Rule 27.2 but dis-

missed the protest.

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The Lawn Tennis Association's financial performance under scrutiny

Wimbledon surplus controls the year's spending power

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By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent The Lawn Tennis Association will have 28 glossy pages of reports

Parks player, the money may be

and accounts to discuss at its annual

meeting, to be held at Queen's Club,

West Kensington, this after-

noon. Ten of those pages are taken up by a mass of baffling figures and

relevant notes concerning the money that pours into the LTA and

what is done with it - baffling,

With the help of the honorary

treasurer. Dennis Carmichael, a

patient Scot to whom the money

maze is as straight-forward as a

motorway. I have tried to grasp a

few basic facts about income and

expenditure. One salient item is that

Wimbledon's surplus of £6,200,848.

almost 91 per cent of the revenue, is

subject to tax. LTA expenditure

reduces the total income of

£6,834,263 to n surplus of £3,129,814 which is further re-

duced, to £1,460.168, by a tax hill of

If still on the scent, you may reasonably ask how the LTA spends

£3,704,449. The unlidy sum of £751,447 is mysteriously listed

under "administration and general"

but turns out to be nothing more

exciting than the cost of running the LTA headquarters - staff salaries, furniture, rates, electricity, and all

The £757,139 allocated to "na-

uonal development, coaching and

schools" refers to the cost of

regional training (including coaches' salaries), inter-regional

competitions, schools, "grass roots activities", and the childrens' game

known as short tennis. If this

expenditure produces another

Roger Taylor, a one-ome Sheffield

on going

to ground

By David Hands

Rugby Correspondent

A bugbear of the English club

game is the slow heel from the set scrum; this may be develop-ing an equivalent in the loose scrum if the evidence of last Saturday's divisional match at

That game, so reach of which ended in a heap on the ground, was played shortly after the following lines were published in

the London Whistler, the news-letter of the London-Society of

Staying on the feet by those,

arriving at the tackle scene appears in be catching on with the players fairly readily, as

insists on from the start of the

malch. If the referee does not

insist on this and allows a side to

go in ground without penalty, the opposition will have no alter-

native but to do the same and the

return of the pile-ap will cusue.

"Away from the tackle... if
the player falls on n ball in open
play then it is strictly illegal for
another player to fall on top of

him. Conversely, the player who

goes to ground must immediately play the ball, release it or

get up . . . The freedom for the player on the ground seems unnatural to players but it is

essentially to protect him from

possible injury when he is so

That was written after a

couple of months of good weather and hard grounds. Now we are back to maddy, wet grounds wheo it is easier to kill the ball and work off n set piece.

than to create play with swift loose possession. In those circumstances the kind of game

played two seasons 2g0 is returning and may be 2 con-

sequence of the relaxed inter-

law, which was introduced this

There is concern that players

are being given licence to go to ground in a maul. This could be

a recipe for pile-ups. Last year

their feet because English referees interpreted the law

The committee of the Five Nations met no the weekend and was asked what would happen if

was asked what would nappen it n player — usually the scrum half — chose not to play n ball made immediately nyaliable at a made. The answer was that plny should continue, hence the suggestion that we now have n

slow heel from a protracted mani

as well as the set scrum. Quick possession is what balf

backs - and therefore three-

quarters — thrive on. The de-cision-makers are those who can

see the tartical situation, that is,

the balf backs, not those haried

players revert all too easily in

going to ground rather than staying on their feet, as southern

hemisphere players tend to, being more accustomed to ruck than manl. It is a facet of our

game which needs to be tidied

There are only two survivors

from last season in the Scottish

schools team to play France at

Pointers on December 21. Tim

McCreath (Loretto), who will captain the team, plays in the

centre and Peter Walton

(Merchiston Castle School) is at

Scot shuffle

At the same time, English

among the forwards.

np, and quickly.

pretation of Law 18, the tackle

Sudhury is to be believed.

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anyway, to most of us.

well spent A further £707,072 is devoted to the players who look like making it, These costs include staffing and running the Bisham Abbey national training centre, home international matches, tours and so-on. A closelyrelated item of £669,944 concerns tournament costs, inter-county competitions, and the network of

"ratings" events. The allocation to county and elub loan funds, plus administrative grants, comes to £467,307. The next big sum is the £269,384 (salaries included) devoted to promotion, marketing, and the sponsorship of pre-Wimbledon tournaments on grass. I forgot to check what happened to the £82,156 listed under "technical and research" but, compared with the other sums tossed about, it is chieken-feed

The total LTA wage hill, incidentally, is £953,626, a sum which includes social security and other pension costs. The average weekly number of employees is 87. Many of these are to be found tucked away in various corners of the new LTA office block, which has increased

"langible assets" by £696,000. If all that is not reasonably clear and accurate, the fault is mine rather than the admirable Carmichael's. He considers, by the way, that although there may be reservations about the "tennis" year, the LTA has had a good year financially. The Scot in him came through loud and clear when be stressed the need for the LTA to prepare for a rainy day - by which he meant, one assumes, a succession

RUGBY UNION: WELSH PROSPECTS ARE FINE IF RIGHT DECISIONS ARE TAKEN

Tidying up Selectors will have Argentina

their work cut out

nauonai against Ireiand on January 17.

What is almost certain is that, even at this distance; the definition as to what is correct will be interpreted differently outside the caucus of the so-called big five selectors. It was ever thus the so-called big five selectors. It was ever the middle of the line jumpers that the so-called big five selectors. It was ever the middle of the line jumpers that the so-called big five selectors.

an abundance of choice at lock; row in which different permuta-there is a range of prop forwards utons should have been tried.

booker.

having, like the more democratically minded Welsh selector, to treat another four people to the prospects are fine, then, provided the correct decisions made.

Nottingham hold a

remarkable record

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Nottingham High School's depth is clearly reflected by the 15-9 defeat of Stamford at the fact that the second XV lost only

weekend left them with the to Millfield and the third, fourth

remarkable record of 15 wins and under-15 sides were all

But in two, and possibly three

respects, the selectors may have

made things more than necessarily difficult for themselves.

The decision not to swap and change during the game, and to

stick throughout to their original team selections, has nar-

rowed their chance to be correct.

Steve Sutton, who has re-emerged in the last couple of seasons with the South Wales Police, and during the trial, is

but with so much movement up

not matter much. Norster could start at the front where his

squarer bulk could withstand

better the congestion. If such a

selection were in be made, an element of chance remains be-

cause it is unlikely to be resolved satisfactorily in the

more artificially controlled

squad training.

The other area was the back

There is something appealing about a trio made up of the two Jones boys of Neath — Lyn and Mark — and Paul Moriarty on

the other flank. If such a back five should be contemplated

and with Evans and Buchanan at prop, it is an inexperienced pack which would need an injection of mature guidance, in

do not better than to bring back

Alan Phillips, the Cardiff

centre threequarter. It was injuries that forced changes here.

But it did not reflect well on the selectors way of thinking — four

Bidgood and Allan Donovan in

the Probables team. They are

both similar and neither is blessed with the intuitive spark of leuan Evans or Mark Ring.

On Wednesday night, Evans

onee more demonstrated his immense gifts in scoring n try of shining brilliance against Ponty-

pool in the centre. If this were

unbeaten. Christ's last two vic-

tories were against Gowerton (22-3) and Wycliffe (32-0).

King's, Taunton, and they com-pleted the season with 10 wins

and two losses, scoring 285 to 97

points conceded; in addition

they lost only one match in the

two previous seasons (v Mon-

mouth) and enjoyed an un-

beaten tour of Canada before the

Their two defeats were by Blackrock College (4-29) and Christ's, Brecon (14-17) on a

day when their goal kicker, Simon Painter, missed five pen-

alties. In the last two seasons he

had a wonderful run since half-

Have beaten Richard Hale School (32-3), Windsor Boys (29-9), Wntford GS (21-10), Desborough, Maidenhead (42-9), Aylesbury GS (17-3) and St Edmund's, Ware (28-4). They have copped 160 points and

have scored 169 points and

and losing one from the 13 and W R D Waghorn in the used as a qualifier for the World matches played and strength in centre have been outstanding Cap."

Wellington College have also

RGS High Wycombe have

has amassed 223 points

current season.

conceded 38.

Christ's College. Brecon, enjoyed their share of success, have enjoyed a very successful They have won eight from the scason, winning 11, drawing one 11 matches played. W J Parks

Success is no stranger to

of whom are forwards

It is much easier to be critical

than to be correct, as a some-time novelist and full-time

prime minister once said, It

could just as easily have been a rejoinder from any one of the Welsh selectors after the Welsh

trial last week, knowing that from the squad that will be announced this evening they have their work cut out to select

the team for the first inter-national against Ireland on January 17.

more recent years, there seem to be a wide choice of players from which to choose.

The standard of rugby at club

level may be inconsistent, but

young players around who have

impressed, have reputations to

make and ambitions to fulfil. It is the luxury of a wide pool from

which to draw.

By Welsh standards there is

there is a range of prop forwards and any number of hookers.

Once John Devereux and Bleddyn Bowen are back there is an embarrassment of riches at

centre; the wings, too, seem well

covered. There is however, a short supply at full back and with Jones and Davies prom-inent at half back there is just

about adequate cover for them.

As with the back row, so it will

be for the whole team: the right

It was Ray Gravell, the for-mer Welsh centre, who said, after seeing the trial, that he

would love now to be a selector.

This turned on its head the common response to a trial match in which those thought to

Those people, while quite happy to turn such an exercise

into a parlour game, which no doubt they will over Christmas,

would shy away from the actual task. They would much prefer to

remain critical from an arm-chair's comfortable distance

away. However, to pick a team

from as many matches, the first

time the school has achieved this distinction. Since October

1981 they have lost only two

The school has nine in the Nottinghamshire 18 Group.

Several are extremely tired,

having played four games in

eight days. Nottingham HS has strength in all departments but

Philip Milton, the stand-off and

captain, has played splendidly, as well as the two wings, Robert

Brierley and Miles Astbury-

Crimes, who surely would have

aroused more than passing in-

Sedbergh, which is a remarkable

record when one recalls the

mass exodus that occurred,

following last year's triumphs.

Their most recent victories have

been against Barnard Castle (19-0), RGS Lancaster (12-6) and

RGS Newcastle (40-8). In this match their full back, Howard

Graham, scored four tries which

brought his season's total to 100

St Bees have still only lost to

Icrest from Shertock Holmes.

home matches.

be the favourites were beaten.

of rainy days during Wimbledon. "One of the major weaknesses", Carmichael said, "is the lack of reserves. It's all tied up. We have no money to spare for that rainy day. The target of the management committee is to get the invested reserves up to the amount received from Wimbledon. We have made great progress towards that." This referred to the fact that the market value of invested reserves rose from £762,290 to £1,241,079 during the past financial year. Carmichael hopes the figure will be over £2

million a year bence.

Carmichael is an Edinburgh man and it would be interesting to know his private thoughts about a pro-posal that his home city should have an independently-promoted pre-Wimbledon tournament featuring a few celebrities from the men's circuit. The LTA are cross about that, because of the implied challenge to their own events at Queen's Club, London, and Bristol. Back in 1967 the LTA defied the

ITF hy insisting on open com-petition - discarding distinctions between amateurs and professionals. The ITF eventually fell into line. But there has since been evidence that the ITF, the LTA, and almost any other governing body you care to name consider that the principal of open competition should be restricted to the players.

The idea of open competition between promoters is evidently too horrifying to contemplate. Quasi-monopolies, by contrast, are comforting - rather like weapons in that they are offensive only if you happen to be standing at the wrong end.

come in

from cold

By Chris Thau

French project may well result in

the emergence of a second Five Nations' championship, with France, Romania, Italy, the Soviet Union and Argentina as

participants.
Negotiations between the Ar-

gentine Ragby Union and the French Federation are expected to be concluded this weekend

when Argentina become the 39th members of the Parisbased Federation Internationale de Rugby Amateur. It is not yet clear if Argentina will accept full membership or whether the

FIRA executive committee will

offer Buenes Aires associate

Argentina's ever-increasing con-

However, France have con-

centrated on developing their ties with southern-hemisphere

countries and Argentina's

French connection has been particularly fruitful, with France

twice touring Argentina in two

years. The Argentinians, though, felt

the need to expand their contacts and the FIRA championship —

nian unious struggle economi-cally, and it is doubtful whether they could afford to travel to and from Argentina.

Yet the Argentinians are gen-

ret the Argentinians are generous hosts and they might pay the travel expenses of their Eastern European guests — as they did in 1973 when they played hosts to Romania. It is understood that, if either Romania and the state of the state of

nia or the Soviet Union drop out, Spain would be standing by to

FIRA are slowly becoming a

force to be reckoned with in rugby and their membership has

increased substantially during the past year. They now have 38

members, compared with only 26 early last year, their latest recruits being Barbados, Tai-wan, Hong Kong, Paragnay, the Solomon Islands and Western

According to their vice-president, Jean-Claude Bourier,

FIRA are trying to help the

game to develop worldwide. The international Board, he said, had concentrated on the laws of

the game but would have nothing to do with the competitive side of

"So FTRA's operations are

complementary to those of the board," Monslear Bourier

added. "We want to regionalize

our competitions. We are trying to launch an American version of

the FIRA championship - lo-calized first in South America -and are boping that the United

States and Canada will finally

"We are also trying to set up an African championship and another one in the Pacific area.

Al the same time, we envisage a European championship, to be

take their place.

itive framework.

tacts with the Home Unions

After the Falklands war.

bold and imaginative



Park success: Roger Taylor was discovered at grassroots level **YACHTING**

Jury reject British protest

From Keith Wheatley Fremantle

and Stars and Stripes belped White Crusader gather their evidence John Marshall, design

chief with Stars and Stripes, was

White Cru-sader's chances of apparent that Dennis Conner lenger series of the America's Cup look slimmer than ever. After 11 bours of debberation the international jury rejected the Britisb protest against Tom Blackaller for changing the forward rudder

in mid-series. Philip Tolhurst, a lawyer and director of the White Horse Challenge, flew from London to conduct the protest, "There is no direct appeal against the jury decision," Tolhurst said. "All we can do is consider whether there are reasons for asking for the case to be re-opened."

A jubilant Blackaller, who conducted his own defence, criticized the way the America's Cap rules experts. "We don't have legal help but we have a boat that has the potential to win the Cup," be said. "The lawyers are going to crawl onto us like flies - like the British did."

came to an abrupt end. Wales and Ireland cancelled their planned tours, while England and Scotland deferred any de-When USA damaged her un-conventional forward rudder and Scottand deterred any de-cision on contacts with Argen-tian until full diplomatic relations had been restored. Following the conflict in the South Atlantic, Argentina, one of rugby union's emerging pow-ers, therefore found themselves in a sort of sports wilderness as far as the Home Unions were last weekend the syndicate sought the approval of the chief ner, Ken McAlpine, in trying to throw out a fast boat on n technicality. It has not belped

dog." Blakhaller said when asked his opinion of this inter-America disloyalty. Blackaller's rhetorical allegation that the British had half-a-dozen

race," said Phil Crebbin, the White Crusader technical direca witness for the Briosh. Conner turned on me like a tor, who belped present the case, tor, who beiped present the case. "Everybody in yachung knows that if you have a port and starboard incident you are under Rule 36. The technical rules are almost higger in importance, in my view."

The Australian press have, perhaps predictably, taken the view that the British are bad losers,

lawyers was widely reported although, in fact, Tolhurst was the only lawyer present at the

change the fin. He gave it. The

were postponed because numeral winds prevented enough courses being laid. A 19-knot easterly offshore wind replaced the regular Fremantle breeze, leaving insufficient room to lay out enough courses to allow the 15-yacht challenger and defender fleet to race.

The postponement of the challenger races delays the agony for at least four yachts with a chance of entering the chal-

Challengers forced into 24-hour wait

Fremantle (Renter) — lenger semi-finals with New Zealand, which has an unassailable lead. French Kiss, in second place, followed by Stars and Stripes, America II and USA, all have a chance to fill the three posterior leads of the state of remaining semi-final berths, with White Crusader's chances having been reduced almost to zero with the rejection of ber crew's protest against USA

Races postponed nutil today include Stars and Stripes against French Kiss and New Zealand against While Crusader.

BADMINTON

Management group tightens grip

By Richard Eaton

Walker International, which has a virtual managerial monopoly of Britain's leading badminton players, announced yesterday that Gill Clark, the European doubles champion,

mm the PIKA championship — planned to be played on a home-and-away basis over a two-year period — should provide them with that much-needed compet-tive fragmental has signed for them. It is said that all FIRA It is said that all Fire countries involved — with the possible exception of the Soviet Union — have agreed to the new project. However, with the Rassians desperately keen to expand their own contacts, they are also likely to agree with the new formet. The early remaining. new format. The only remaining question would then be finance. the leading British men and now Both the Soviet and Roma-

women.
Miss Clark's inclusion in that number will, however, be a surprise to those who know that ber relations with the former

The Sussex-based company, which also looks after the affairs minton director, have not al-ways been harmonious. "We didn't see eye to eye most of the of Ian Botham and several England Test cricketers, now has more than 20 badminton players on the books, a tes-timony in its continued belief for what I have achieved on the court and I know he is very good that, despite problems, the sport is still heading into an era of at his joh in promoting badminun," Miss Clark said. The 25-year-old Kent player's achievements, which include winning the European doubles bigger sponsorship and more television. The company has all

all hut two of the leading title with three different partners, are remarkable because they have come after she had been told that a knee injury might prevent her playing again. But her ebullient personality and attacking style just could England manager, Ciro Ciniglio, now Walker International's bad-

not be kept down.
That Miss Clark feels these qualities could do with better promotion may wrongly be seen as an implicit criocism of the Badminton Association of England. "I hope it won't be the BA of E versus Walker," Miss Clark said. "I have not joined a rival group. Walker International are keen to work with the BA of E. We all need each other.

HOCKEY

Experience favours Lancashire

By Joyce Whitehead

The nineteenth women's Na-tional County Championship will be decided this weekend after the finals are completed at Pickens Lock Centre, in north London. The first pool matches start tomorrow morning, with the finalists completing the programme on Sunday afternoon. The teams which have qualified are the five Territorial

County Champions, who join last season's winners, Middlesex, to make the numbers even. The six are divided into two pools, with each playing twice on Saturday. Sunday is reserved for cross-over matches to determine the final placings. Apart from Middlesex, Avon

(West area champions) are the only county which played in the finals last year, although Staffordshire (Midlands), Lancashire (North), and Suffolk (East) have all held top place in previous years, with Lancashire holding the outstanding record. They shared the title in 1969 and 1971 and went on 10 win it outright seven nimes, their last being in Ipswich in 1985. So, unless the standard of bockey in the territories varies considerably. Lancashire, with their phenomenal victory in the

North Championship - nine

wins in nine matches, scoring 39 goals - must be the favournes. Berkshire are the new South champions, and are seeking their first title. Their first match could be crucial. They play Middlesex, the only team to beat them in the South.

Avon had a stiff match with Wiltshire to win in the West tournament. Neither county had draw by Wiltshire earlier in the tournament separated them. Staffordshire, known for their sound teamwork, are reliable in nerton (Sutton) remains in form - they could disturb the tranquility of their pool with Middlesex and Avon.

lost a match, and only a score

Suffolk, who field all but two players from Ipswich, the club which won their way to the last European Clubs Championship. play against Berkshire and Lancashine and in the end it is anyone's guess who will reach the final on Sunday afternoon. PROGRAMME: Suburday December 13: 9.30am: Middx v Smits; 11pm: Suffolk v Berks; 1pm: Avon v Middx 2.30pm: Berks v Lancs; 4pm: Staffs v Avon; 5.30pm: Lancs v Suffolk, Sanday December 14: 9.30am: Fifth and sixth place play-off; 11am: Third and fourth place play-off; 1pm: Final; 2.30pm: Presentation.

trust funds, similar to those now operating in track and field athletics, has prompted a swift response from the Leicester City ●£500 for scaling a world record ●£250 for a European or With the new ruling coming Commonwealth record into effect from January 1 the Council haveannounced that they are making cash rewards available to all who compete in €£100 for a British senior record ●£40 for a British junior record

year's finals at the Common-

wealth Games and European

junior championships will be

given expenses and bonuses to

be won include:

●£30 for an English. Scottish or Welsh senior record ●£15 for an English, Sconish or Welsh junior record

A record for the pool or the meeting will earn a swimmer £5. The organizers are well aware that at the last up class meeting at this pool 29 national records

All monles won will be paid in the governing body supervising the swimmer's trust fund.

When Derek Stuhhs, the ASA's director of swimming heard of the Leicester develop-ment yesterday, he said: "Speak-ing personally at this stage, I welcome the news. These trust funds can not only help to keep swimmers in this country instead of going to American colleges, but also encourage them in stay in the sport longer and reach their full potential. Too many good youngsters give up too soon for want of an incentive of this sort."

Moorhouse's arch-rival, the Olympic and world champion, Victor Davis of Canada, has been invited to compete but after the hammering he took from Moorhouse in Toronin recently it seems unlikely that he will accept.

BOWLS

Kent have the edge on Surrey By Gordon Allan

Kent, the defending county indoor champions, and Surrey, who won the little in 1978, have made small adjustments to the teams for their second round match in the Prudential Liberty Tropby tomorrow.

David Crocker, who played at

home in Kent's first-round win over Hertfordshire, will skip one of the three away rinks at Croydon. For Surrey Ted Barton will skip Alan Windsor's rink at Cyphers, Beckenham, because Windsor is touring Australia and New Zealand with an English Bowling Association

party. Surrey, with a much-changed side, had to go to extra ends to beat Sussex by seven shots in the first round. They will do well to have as tight a match against

Kent's array of talent. Kent won the title last winter using a squad of 28 and they are choosing largely from the same players again. The winners will face either Hampshire or Middlesex in the quarter-finals on January 10, when neutral

greens come into operation. Norfolk, last season's beaten finalists, will play Warwickshire tomorrow and Somerset, who beat Worcestershire by 76 shots in the first round, play Oxford-shire. The final is at Hartlepool

on April 12. 'TV format' for the world indoor singles

From a Correspondent

The World Indoor Bowls Council announced a significant departure from tradition when the inurnament director, David Harrison, released the 32-player draw for Fehruary's Embassy world indoor singles event at Coatbridge - the seven-up "sets" format, recently popularized by television, is pre-ferred to the traditional 21-up

arrangement tn the opening game of the championship, the holder. Cotswold's Tony Allcock, is challenged by Sam Wylie, of Ireland, while last season's runner-up, Phil Skoglund, of New Zealand, faces Ian Bruce, of Aberticen Aberdeen.

The CIS United Kingdom singles champion. Steve Rees, from Swansea, will be tested by a young uncapped Englishman Danny Dennison, a cake sales man from Newton Abbot. Another eventful game is in prospect when the extrovert Italian. Rob Parrella, representing Australia, takes on the nonchalant young trishman.

Michael Duniop. The strong top half of the draw also includes Belfast's Superbowl winner, David Corkill, Edinburgh's Willie Wood and Tel Aviv's Cecil Bransky. The bottom half looks.

if anything, even stronger. Four former world champions are clustered together, with David Bryant (England), Jim Baker (Ireland). John Watson (Scotland) and Terry Sulli-

Huge rise in salmon farming has mixed benefit



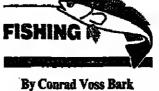
A forecast hy John MacKay, the Scottish Fisheries Minister,

Salmon Trust, a research organization, says: "The present production of Scottish farm salmon (about 10,000 tonnes n year) has aiready depressed the price of wild salmon taken by the nets and any increase would be likely 1a force some of them out

been jealous of the netmen for years, especially during low water conditions. Then, the salmon bunch in the estuaries, the nets make a killing, and few fish ascend the rivers. The

Scottish nets take between 250 to 300,000 salmoo n year, compared to 60 to 70,000 hy rodand-line fisbermen. If nets dn go nut of husiness and there are more fish in the rivers, rod-andline catches and rents will both

Scientists are apprehensive Rod-and-line fishermen have a nbout an increase in farm salmon. During gales and high seas, many escape from their sea cages and if they go to breed in rivers, an one can know what the genetic effects might be un the wild stock.



of an enormous increase in the artificial production of salmon

from Scottish fish farms is likely

to bring great indirect benefits to sport fishermen. Mr MacKay,

speaking at the opening of BP natrition's new farm food factory at Invergordon, said that hy 1990, production of Scottish

farm salmon, in addition to supplies coming from Norway. Salmon would then become a familiar food.

farm salmon might reach 250,000 tonnes a year.

Commercial netsmen will suffer. Admiral John Mackenzie, the director of The Atlantic

In numbers, that would mean Scotland producing something of the order of 10 to 13 million

By David Miller, Chief Sports Corresponden

How often over the 30 years

of European competition we

have heard the song before. A

British team plays away from

home, gets involved in a kicking match, loses on both

counts, and returns home

the comments of Walter Smith, the assistant manager,

Cooper, who had already

been booked for retaliation

first half, was sent off in the

last few minutes, according to

Alex Ponnet of Belgium, the

understand what he was say-

ing McMinn also provoc-atively questioned almost every decision that went

show he has not.

waiting "we wuz robbed".

Graeme Souness knows field. Was it in frustration or out of the six whose names he enough about football to extract the truth from a night of emotional and all too physical elimination from the UEFA Borussia bу Mönchengladbach. The truth is that his team have to find a temperamental discipline to go with the tactical discipline they had shown they possessed in a goalless, bitter second leg.

It needed a brutal encounter with Racing of Buenos Aries Aires in 1967 for Jock Stein and Celtic to learn the lesson, and there were moments on Wednesday night when we were reminded of that shameful World Club final, as Rangers had Munro and Cooper, their left back and left winger. sent off in the last quarter of an hour. It makes one shudder to think what Graham Roberts might have contributed to the evening's action.

An alarming aspect of the performance is that Souness was himself several times warned for the offence for which Cooper was dismissed in the last few minutes: dissent. Souness repeatedly disputed decisions, and he will realise, if he is wise, that his example could be taking Rangers down the wrong road.

Butcher, a man of renowned emotion in the dressing room, was weeping as he left the should be remembered that Ponnet booked three Germans, Rahn, Thiele and Jung

player-manager

player-manager Graeme Sourcess who said: "As far as I am concerned we will not be disciplining the players, I was

Mexico's

big share

of spoils

Zurich (AP) - The International Football Federation,

(FIFA), has approved the final

ceive 30 per cent. The remaining 70 per cent

will be divided among the 24 national associations that com-

The Football Trust yesterday joined the debate on how to tackle football hooliganism by

giving the thumbs down to

moves to ban away supporters

project at Leicester City's Fil-

bert Street ground for the past two years. The Midlands club

have a membership scheme operating in half of the ground.

but allow visiting supporters in

Barnsley, tomorrow.Mimms is-the fifth goalkeeper to be signed

David Evans, to change his

mind about resigning from the post at the end of the season."We hope to persuade

him to stay on as chairman for another year," the director and chief executive, John Smith,

Madrid (Reuter) − Diego

Maradona, who led Argentina to their World Cup triumph in June, was quoted yesterday as saying be had discussed signing for Real Madrid in talks with the Spanish leaves champions.

Spanish league champions.

Meanwhile in Naples, a Napoli spokesman said: "It is totally false, impossible."

the other.

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and members-only schemes. The Trust have monitored a

Rangers plan protest went on and it is not our players

est to UEFA about the handling, by the Belgian referee Alexis Ponnet, of the second leg of their cap tie with Bornssia Monchengladbach (Hugh Tay-lor writes). While Somess refused to criticize a match official, there is The Glasgow club are upset

Graeme

criticize a match official, there is little doubt among some Rangers' officials that Ponnet punished the Scots while several West Germans, they felt, escaped a series of illegal tackles on Cooper and McMinn.

Neither will Rangers censure their captain, Terry Butcher, the England international, who was involved in remarkable scenes at about the treatment meted out to David Cooper, their inter-national winger, in the first half of the game, in which he was ordered off for retaliation near ovolved in remarkable scenes at Yesterday Cooper and Stuart the end of the same when he had to be restrained from clashing ation, were excused by Rangers' with Borussia players and the

"Nnthing came of this and we

Inadequacy pays

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

account of the 1986 World Cup tournament, showing profits totalling 71 million Swiss francs (£30,281,690) of which the Mexican organizers are to repessimism he would stand ac-cused of being outrageously unrealistic if he offered a higher

● The Everton goalkeeper, Bobby Mimms, has joined Sunderland on a month's loan and will make his debut against from his side, but conceded later that it had been "just a good, workmanlike performance."

on loan by the manager, Lawrie McMenemy, in his 18 months at ● Luton Town's directors are trying to persuade the chairman, second half of the season, they are incapable of raising them-selves significantly higher. "We need more class players", McLean confesses, and be plans

> But time has already almost run out. The deadline for any new acquisition to be permitted to play in the quarter-final ties passes on Monday. "I'll he out huming over the next few days, but the trouble is that up here we are overshadowed by the big two, Celtic and Rangers," McLean said.

took. Rangers should recall that the first grotesque foul was by Dawson, their right back, in the seventh minute. for which he could well have been sent off. The mature teams in

Europe - and for that matterin the World Cup - recognize that there is nothing to be Rangers were, not without that there is nothing to be some cause, critical of the achieved by any action, least referee, though they were far of all petulance, over the from guiltiess. You have to learn to live with referees, and that ill-controlled temperament usually magnifies the disadvantage. If Souness can-not, with all his experience with Liverpool, Sampdoria and Scotland, tell his players, then Willie Waddell and the other Ibrox directors should.

against a foul by Rahn in the It is most of all disappoint ing that Rangers should have gone out in disarray considreferee, for calling him a "dirty German". It was doubly naive of Cooper to suppose that an experienced ering they had, especially in the first half, played some coherent, controlled football; had reduced Borussia's famed World Cup referee would not attack to a wimper; and had themselves created enough half chances, as at Ibrox, to have settled the match. McCoist hit the bar after only eight minutes and Borussia often looked a ragged lot.

Ponnet may have made mistakes - Butcher was bla-Souness had brought ironitantly pushed off the ball in cally, a calmness to Rangers' the penalty area going for a approach, so that with Bell, header near the end - but it Ferguson and Cooper they had controlled the midfield. Cooper's dribbling was often a delight, causing German spectators to applaud.

> What Souness needs is not more muscle, in the shape of Roberts, but a central striker with more sharpness than those he already has. Rangers have the potential to be an important club again, but not in the mood they exhibited this week, nor if they miss their chances.

Souness has always been one of the hardest men in international football, occasionally ruthless, and this streak in bis character will make it particularly difficult for him as player-manager to limit, rather than encourage similar characteristics in others which we saw in Monchen Gladbach,

off for United

his side is inadequate. Although he is naturally overloaded with

United, who seem destined to reach the quarter-finals of every Continental competition they enter, were no more than ordinary in reaching the last eight of the UEFA Cup on Wednesday night.

That is all they needed to be to hold on for a goalless draw and go through 2-0 on aggregate against a Hajduk Split side who, though unmistakahly more talented, were appallingly profligate, scoring eight obvious goals or thances goal-scoring chances.

McLean, forced because of injury to include a worrying amount of novices, said be was proud of the overall response

In spite of their exclusive to buy one or two with the money gained from the transfer of Gough and Dodds in the late

It is a sobering thought that Dundee United should be left alone to carry the British flag in Europe. Even Jim McLean, their manager, recognizes that lavourable draw. "We have had the luck so far to meet sides like us," McLean admits. "Full of industry, rather than full of

> Anxious to avoid another "long haul" (their journeys have been to France, Romania, and Yugoslavia), he was pleasantly surprised to discover that Dynamo Moscow had been re-moved from the list of potential opponents. There is not much to choose geographically between the remaining possibilities. All are comfortably within range.

United's success has cost them some £20,000 but McLean has his eyes on a place in the semi-final, "where anything can happen," rather than on a lucrative series of matches io March. He would rather be paired with Guimaraes, for instance, than with Barcelona. At the moment, anyway.

obviously, but that is not always the case in Europe, as we have found to our cost," be said. "But if we make it to the last four, we would be confident of making a profit." At least he can now select Ferguson, his signing from Rangers, who was previously incligible.

For McLean to realize his ambition, Malpas and Sturrock, both of whom were unavailable on Wednesday, must be fit as well. Yet, when the draw is made on January 24 (to coincide with the presentation of the 1988 European championships in Cologne), the likelihood is that United will no longer be joined by partners who are merely workmen.



Williams Boone (left), the holder, and his challenger John Prenn, whose struggle for the world rackets title will have a TV andience at Queen's Club

EQUESTRIANISM

A Princess succeeds The Duke

By Jenny MacArthur

The Duke of Edinburgh, who yesterday completed 22 years as president of the Fédération Equestre Internationale, told a press conference at the close of the General Assembly, that he would be sparing in his advice to his successor. Princess Anne. "I'discovered a long time ago that it was no use telling her what to

dn," he said.

Asked if there was anything major he felt he had oot accomplished during his term of office, Prince Philip said no but then later mentioned that he would like to see the introduc-tion of independent medication control at international shows, so that drug-tests could be performed.

A new independent system would take the strain off the FEI, who are solely responsible at present. Another problem which needed tackling, he added, was that of fitting in so many championships each year now that the body embraces seven disciplines.

When Princess Anne, one of the busiest members of the Royal Family, was asked bow she would fit in her new job she she would fit in her new job she said she would have to wait and see, but added she would make a point of being at the FEI headquarters in Berne for all the Bureau meetings, and would take on as many of the representative jobs as possible.

Earlier, at the last session of the General Assembly, there was

the General Assembly, there was dissention over the new FEI ruling on amateurs and pro-fessionals. The ruling, in ac-cordance with the new IOC eligibility regulations, allows professional riders to renounce their status and become ama-teurs again if they want to compete at the Olympic Games.

The East German delegation. backed by the Russians, ob-jected to the new regulations, saying they wanted to keep the professionals out, at least for the

next Olympic Games.

Prince Philip, in reply, said that in the 22 years that he had been president there had never been a universally accepted definition on the distinction between professionals and ama-teurs. All the FEI could do, he said, was interpret the wishes of the IOC as closely as possible. He thought it was only fair that those riders who had become professionals under the old regulations should bave the chance now of being reclassified.

Other Olympic matters dis-cussed included the changes in the rules for the individual showjumping final and the age of horses competing. The original proposal that they should be a minimum of six years old with the exception of three-day event borses, who should be seven, was challenged by the French Federation, who thought that

Prince Philip quickly arrived at a compromise — to which the majority agreed — whereby all horses competing at the Olympics must be a minimum of seven years old.

After a showing of the film by the Korean delegates on the preparations for the next Olympics, entitled We Are Ready. Prince Philip closed the meeting - allowing the Russian dele-gates to read out a message about equestriaoism and peace—by handing over to Princess Anne the pio which he received from a member of the Irish Federation when he first became president.

French double-act find their opponents très difficile

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

A steward checking passes at London's Royal Albert Hall yesterday had a lot of time on his hands and spent much of it reading a booklet, French With Ease. As a guide to what was happening on court, the title was only half-right.

Guy Forget and Yannick Noah took three hours and 43 mioutes to beat Mike DePaimer and Gary Donnelly 6-7, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6, 7-5 in the Nabisco Masters

Doubles.

The French are a civilized tot and it follows that, in general, they are not at their best before lunch - which was when the match began. But, at one o'clock or thereabouts, Forget and Noah - unlike Cinderella at

midnight - went to the ball.

True, they envied the peripheral diners, and one sometimes suspected that Gallic dialogues suspected that Gallic dialogues between points had as much to do with food as tennis, "Usu-ally, I joke a lot," Noah said later, "and Guy doesn't like that."

DePaimer and Donnelly were so earnestly and relentlessly conversational that the tennis often seemed to be an irritating interruption. They are a remark-ably good team, adding up to slightly more than the sum of their parts.

DePaimer, one of those

confusing Americans with two capital letters in his name, is squarely built and holds his shoulders so far back that they are almost behind him. Donnelly is tall and fair, and reached the Wimbledon final with Peter Fleming, who used to do that sort of thing with John McEnroe.

Forget is a lean, whippy, rather grave left-hander. Noah is none of that. He has an implish sense of fun, lots of rippling muscles and (when nothing is) happening) quivers with illsuppressed energy. To some extent, he is reminiscent of Roy Emerson. One can imagine the beasts of the jungle keeping well clear of men like that.

DePalmer and Doonelly often use the tandem formation, with the server's partner standing on the same side of the court to inhibit cross-court returns. Yesterday, that may have been think the others will still be

somewhat counter-productive like Henri Leconte on call. because, as Noah pointed out France have an enviable variety

later, repeated changes of forma-tion on the other side of the net do not permit the receiving pair to relax the intensity of their The break that mattered - at

a time when our friendly neighbourhood steward was deeply into French With Ease—came when Donnelly was serving at five-all in the fifth set. Forget then produced four first services, which is a wise thing to do when serving for a match.

At the end. Guy played

great". Noah generously ob-served. Oddly, these two have yet to play doubles for France in a Davis Cup-tie, With a player

of doubles teams - all of them

If you are interested in dou-bles strategy, note that, of the three left-handers in action yesterday efternoon, two (DePaimer and Andres Gomezl played in the deuce court, which is unconventional. This is a good debating point. Just sort is

good debating point. Just sort it out among yourselves. RESILTS: Sine Group: Y Mosh and G Forget (Fr) bit M Witander and J Nystrom (Swel 2-6, 7-5, 6-7-5; Forget and Noeth bit G Donnelly and M DePatmer (US) 6-7, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6, 7-5. Red Group: H Gildemester (Chile) and A Gomez (Ecuador) bit S Edberg and A Jarryd (Swel 7-5, 5-3, 3-6, 7-5; C Steyn and O Visser (SA) bit H Gildemester (Chile) and A Gomez (Ec) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Cool Carlsson strides towards semi-finals

From a Correspondent, Stattgart

Kent Carlsson, of Sweden, needs only to win one set today in the Young Masters tour-nament to advance to the semi-

carlsson, the No 2 seed in this 16-man tournament for players aged 21 and under, put himself in a commanding position yesterday by beating Paolo Cane, of Italy, 6-3, 6-4, Carlsson bas not least a seed and a seed a seed and a seed a seed and a seed a s lost a set and can afford to drop

one today in his final round robin match, against Michael Westphal, of West Germany.

The Swede, aged 18, is already ranked 14 in the world, but still has some way to go before joining the clite group of Swedes who include Mats Witander, (ranked three). Stefan Edberg, (four) and Joakim Nystrom, (seven), but has surpassed Anders Jarryd, a former member of the group, Jarryd, a Wimbledon semi-finalist has twice undergone knee surgery this year.

Carisson has four compatriots here, all of whom will soon be vying to reach the top 10. "I think it's very difficult to reach the top 10," said Carlsson, who woo two Grand Prix titles this year and reached four finals."If we make it," Carlsson added, "I think the others will still be there, forming an even higger group of Swedes." Carlsson's opponent yes-terday was the histrionic Italian

the second set to slip away amid pire, for unsporting conduct.
Carlsson, follows the tradition
set by Borg and possesses an icecool temperament and lotal

The young Swede is considered one of the few players likely to challenge Boris Becker, although he cannot meet the West German before the final. He has

Becker, although all three matches were played on slow clay, the Swedes's preferred surface.

Stufface.
RESILLTS: Gold group: K Carlsson (Swe) bt C Pistolesi (ft), 6-1, 6-1, Pistolesi bt M Westphal (WG), 6-3, 6-3; Carlsson bt P Cane (ft), 6-3 6-4. Red group: B Becker (WG) bt A Vysand (USSR), 6-3, 6-2, A Chesnokov (USSR) bt Vysand, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3. Green group: J Carlsson (Swe) bt K Novacek (C2), 6-2, 6-1. Blue group: P Lundgren (Swe) bt J Stenfund (Swe), 6-7, 6-3, 7-5; Stenfund bt T Muster (Austre), 7-6, 5-4.

Cané, who allowed a 4-1 lead in dramatic outbursts and much hurling of rackets around the court. He was warned once by George Grime, the British um-

concentration. He simply waited for the storm to subside, winning the match as Cane pounded a foreband long.

SKIING

Bell keeps Müller and Swiss in sight

Val Gardena (Reuter) — Swiss skiers dominated yes-terday's training for the World Cup downhill race tomorrow with Peter Müller leading a' Swiss sweep of the top four places, although there was also optimism in the British camp as Martin Bell finished sixth.

Müller, winner of the opening downhill in Las Lenas, Argentina, in August, was the only one of the 82 finishers to dip under 2min 03sec on the icy Saslong course. Conradin Cathomen, a late starter, came in second, 0.38sec behind Müller's time of 2:02.95, under a sunny sky.

Pirmin Zurbriggen, the over-all leader and one of the favourites for the race, and Daniel Mahrer completed the Swiss dominance with Leonard Stock, the Austrian former Olympic champion, and Bell close on their heels. Müller, narrowly beaten for the downhill title hy Peter

Wirnsberger, of Austria, last year, said he felt comfortable on the course, which drops 839 meters. "It is a perfect downhill, a great course, although it is bumpy at the start and very icy at the top," he said. "The last two jumps, close to the finish, are difficult as you are already thinking about braking."

The course also seemed to suit Bell, who set the sixth fastest time of 2:04.03. Bell placed 10th in a downhill here last year at the start of a good run of results which saw him gain three other

top 10 places. LEADING PRACTICE TIMES: 1, P Müßer (Switz), Zmin 02.95sec: 2, C Cathomen (Switz), Zmin 02.95sec: 2, C Cathomen (Switz), Zmin 02.95sec: 2, C Cathomen (Switz), Zmin 25.25sec; Aller of Cathomen (Switz)

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She was the only woman to

won the men's downhill bere last week. The women's course has been modified from last year when Christine Putz, of Austria, had a narrow escape Austria, nad a high speed crash LEADING TIMES: 1, M Fight (Switz) 1mmes: 1, M Fight (Switz) 1mmes: 26.49sec; 2, H Zurbriggen (Switz) 1:27.35; 3, L Grahem (Can) 1:27.44; 4, O Armstrong (US) 1:27.45; 5, M Walliser (Switz) 1:27.51, 6, K Gutenshon (Austria) 1:27.65.

Figini is in fine form

get under 1 min 27sec yesterday and appeared to have a lot left in reserve, getting up out of ber racing crouch well before the finish. Her compatriot, Heidi sixth to second

Prenn is ready to regain title By William Stephens

John Prenn. the former champion, will resume his challenge to William Boone, the holder, for the world title at Queen's Club tomorrow leading by four games to three. Prenn has gained this marginal superiority through physical fitness, which paid dividends during the first leg in New York on Saturday.

A rigorous seven months training programme cnabled him to outlast Boone, whose exhaustion was evident in the last two games.

The contrast between the contenders is marked, Boone, an old Etonian, is a sales manager for a rackets company. A left-hander, he has played tennis for Cambridgeshire and squash rackets for Norfolk. In rackets singles at Eton be was in the shadow of Mark Faber and never won the public schools singles championship. He is an exuberant character who can get carried away under pressure.

Prenn is an old Harrovian who is chairman of a clothing company. A right-hander, he plays tennis for Middlesex, cap-tained England in a senior international against Wales, and at the age of 18 played doubles with Pancho Gonzalez in the London grass courts champion-ships before joining the inter-national circuit.

In rackets at Harrow he was outplayed by Mark Thatcher, who became public schools singles champion. Prenn is of a quiet, self-contained nature.

The world championship first leg was a scrappy affair with neither player at his best. In the first game. Prenn took a 6-1 lead a 2-1 head to head record over | before Boone found his rhythm level at 8-8 and 12-12 with Boone appearing to fade as Prenn took the game 15-12. Prenn led 8-6 in the third but Boone recovered to win 15-8.

The crucial game was the fourth. Prenn trailed 0-6. 1-7, and 5-9, at which point Boone hit the ball into the back of his opponent's head. Play was halted while Prenn absorbed the pain. From 5-12 down, Prenn caught up to 13-13, drawing level through executing a soft drop shot — one of three he was to use to tire his opponent in the closing stages of that game. After the exertions required to

win that fourth game 18-17. Prenn subsided in the fifth to trail 0-8, but Boone made unforced errors to allow Prenn to catch up to 8-8 and to lead 12 8. From there, Boone levelled at 12-12 and 13-13 before maintaining dominance to win the game 18-15.

The sixth game showed Boone beginning to tire. He led 3-0, 4-2, and 9-5 but Prenn's drop shots had an attriticnal effect as Boone's competitiveness began to expire and Prenn levelled at 9-9. Prenn secured the game 15-9 and allowed himself an enormous smile as he realized the implications. With renewed confidence he took an early lead in the final game of 3-0. But Boone caught up to 4-4 and 5-5 before he committed more unforced errors and Prenn maintained pressure to extin-guish Boone's fire hy winning 15-6.

Although tomorrow's match is a sell-out, Queen's Cluh will televise it by closed circuit and all are welcome.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Cheltenham happy with Cup defeat

John Murpby, the manager of Cheltenham Town, does not hide the fact that he envies Telford United and Maidstone United for their continuing involvement in the FA Con He Telford United and Mainstone United for their continuing involvement in the FA Cup. He admits, bowever, that his team their unexpected 4-3 defeat three months ago at home to Bideford in the first qualifying While all the

While all the pre-season favourites for the GM Vauxhall Conference championship -Telford, Maidstone, Altrincham and Enfield - have had their attention diverted by the Cup in embarked on a run which has put them in serious contention Since the defeat against

Bideford, which was their sec-ond successive exit from the Cup at the hands of Great Mills League opposition, Cheltenham have lost only two out of I6 Conference matches and climbed from twelfth to third in the table.

placent and let our discipline go. We've since worked very hard to be more consistent and it has paid off. When the Telfords and Enfields play their games in hand they will probably move above us but we are genuinely worth a place in the top half

Cheltenham's new-found consistency can be explained in part by the establishment of an enlarged and settled squad of players. Some are on five-year contracts and most have been at Whaddon Road for at least two

"We have turned down offers from professional clubs for two players and we are determined to keep everybody here." Mur-phy said. "The oldest player in the team is 27 and they're all very ambitious to play at a higher level — with Cheltenham

Several clubs are showing an "We learned more from the interest in Chris Townsend, Bideford game than from any aged 19, the leading scorer with

Attendances at Whaddon Road are averaging nearly 1,100 and a crowd of more than 1,600 saw them beat Enfield recently. Murphy is particularly looking forward to the Boxing Day fixture at home to Kidderminster Harriers, for which he expects a gate of around 3,000. Cheltenham spent £20,000 on improving their floodlights last year and the local council, who own the ground, have just given approval to plans to extend its use. Work will start soon on a

ing areas and a running track. There are also plans to cover the one remaining open side of the Murphy does not believe, however, that Cheltenham would be ready for League football if the possibility of promotion to the fourth division arose at the end of the

"We want to do things slowly

gymnasium, two outdoor train-

• Fisher Athletic, of the South-

ern League, yesterday signed a two-year sponsorship agreement with a local firm, Universal Computers. CONFERENCE TABLE (Including Thursday December 11)

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WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Nominers away to Newceste United).
FOURTH DIVISION: Wrecham 2, Cambridge United 1.
BEFA CUP: Third round, second leg:
Beveren 0. Torino 1 (Torino win 3-4 on agg; Helplut Spilt 0, Dundee United 0 (United win 2-0); Whoria Guimaraes (Por)
3. FC Croningen (Neth) 0 (Vooria Guimaraes win 3-1); Göteborg 4, Gienti 0 (Goteborg win 5-0); Borussia Möenchenglachach 0, Rangers 0 (agg score 1-1, Borussia win on away goals niel; Swartowski Tyrol (Austria) 2, Spartak Moscow 0 (Swaroski Tyrol (Austria) 2, Spartak Moscow 0 (Swaroski Tyrol (Austria) 2, Spartak Moscow 0 (Swaroski Tyrol win 2-1); inter Millan 1, Dukla Prague 0 (abandoned after 77 minutes through fog, inter lead 1-0 on agg); Bercelona 2, Bayer Uerdingen 0 (Barcelona win 4-0 on agg); FREGET ROVER TROPHY: Preliminary round: Hereford 4, Newport 0.
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ST CUBRING UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford 3, Cambridge 4,
FDOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich 2,
Swindon 0; Charlton 3, Norwich 1; Oxford
United 2, Tottenhem 2.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham Forest 0, Manchester City 1.
Second divisions Doncaster 1, Grimsby 0;
York 0, Bradford City 6; Stoke 1,
Blackgool 0; Scunthorpe 2, Flotherham 0;
Huddersfield 3, Berneley 3; Derlington 4,
Notis County 3.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bitt Dellow CopFirst rouse Coventry Sporting 4, Mile Oak
2; Dunstable 0, Chelmistord 0, Mildland
division: Buckingham 1, Leicester Utg 4,
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round:
South Liverpool 0, Random 1;
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round:
Hednesford 1, Birmingham 1; Orient 1,
Exater 1.
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WOMEN'S CHAMPION CLUB'S CUP: Agon Duesseldori (WG) bt Sparts Prague (Cz) 70-

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BASKETBALL

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EUROPEAN CLUB CHARMPONSHIP: Meur's
Rorac Cop: Quarter-finale, second series:
Charlens (Fr) bt Entuciantes Medrid (Sp) 9592; Ancono Carte (I) bt Sportek Leringrad (USSR) 79-77; Diverses (II) bt Oyunique Antibes (Fr) 98-76: Ca 2 zragozz (Sp) bt Quorne Berfort Turin (I) 82-80; Caseria (II) bt Buduchost Triograd (Yug) 93-87-218-07E-MN
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SNOOKER

Val D'Isère (Agencies) - The world and Olympic champion, Michela Figini of Switzerland, who did not win a race last season, was fastest in practice for the second successive day in preparation for today's World Cup downhill.

Zurbriggen, improved from Miss Zurbriggen is boping to emulate her brother Pirmin who

FOR THE RECORD FOOTBALL

RUGBY LINION REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Bedlord 15. RAF 6: Hampshive 13, Royal Nevy 24, CLUB MATCHES: Exser 7, Credington 9: Gamorgan Wandaren 6, Mosesiag 18; Newbridge 16, Abertillery 14; Pontyrool 9, Lanell 16; Swetzsen 19, Cardit 14.

ICE HOCKEY MORTH AMERICA: National League (NML): Hartford Whalers B. St. Louis Blues 2: NY Rengers 5. Los Angoles Kerus 4: Catasav Flames 6. Pitesburch Perguire 4: Toronto d. Washington Capitals 2. Chicago Black Hawks B. Burlisto Sabres 3: Edmorneon Oliver 7,

RUGBY FIVES CHELTEMANK: Old Blundellans bt Chelten-ham Select IV 119-69; J Nct. activary plus C Sweeney lost to T Spicer and S Weekshapen 14-18, 18-15 and best L Lawren 15-4 and H Wormington 16-14; S North and F Alerman best L Lawson and H Wormington 15-10, 15-5 and best T Spicer and S Weekshapen 15-1, 15-4 RUGBY LEAGUE

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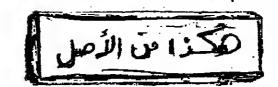
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GOLF MAHA, Japan: Dnityc Open fournement: First round: (All Jaccess): 57: H Maluno, Y Kaneko, K Onta: 88: K Arai, Y Nazeki, Y Yamamolo, S Ebbrara, K Kohno, M Aoki, T Natismura, M Emote. DORADO BEACH, Puesto Ricci British Airways world writers cuts: Second day fourscenes: United States. S. GB and Ireland 1 Match score: US 8, GB and Irel. Match score: US 8, GB and Irel. SKIING

VAL O'SERE, France: Women's World Cop-downhill: Flast practico brees: 1, M Fignal (Switz), 10m, 28.49ec; 2, H Zurtongen (Switz), 127.35; 3, L Graham (Can), 127.41; 4, D Armstrong (US), L27.46; 5, M Wafficer (Switz), 127.51; 6, K Gutensohn (Austria), 127.56; 7, C Quitter (Fr. 1.27.76; 8, R Mosenlechner (WG), 127.93; 9, C Meier (WG), 127.96; 10, M Keeth (WG), 1.27.97 KANDBALL THE HAGUE: World champlenship: Poel matches: Poel One: Netherlands 22, Austre 17: Hungary 16, USSR 19; East Germany 27. Yugostavia 17. Poel Two: Romans 21. Caschostovake 22: S Korea 19, Chira 19, W Garmeny 14, Norvey 19. Consoliction Pool-France 17, Poland 19: Japan 25, Umfed States 20.

TENNIS STUTTGART: Young Microtens tournement: Blue group: P Lundgren (Swe) bit II Stentund (Swe), 6-3, 6-4, II Stentund (Swe), bit T Microten (Austral, 7-6, 6-4 Gold group: C Pestolosis (N) tit M Westprist, (WG) 6-3, 6-3; K Cartson (Swe) bit Came (R), 6-3, 6-4, Red group: A Creanolov (USSR), 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, Green group: J Cartson (Swe) bit K Novacek (Czi, 6-2, 6-1

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

The Scarfe's-eye-view of Gerald Scarfe

 As the famed caricaturist does not opt, verbally, to represent himself as a Jekyll and Hyde in his self-profile Scarfe on Scarfe (BBC2, 9.30pm). I feel free to do so. The snag is that although Scarfe does make an attempt to distinguish between his twin personalities by dressing the nice one in a dinner jacket and

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giving him a shave and putting his unshaven alter-ego into paint-splashed jeans, we are finally left wondering which of them would rise to his feet if told: Will the real Gerald Scarfe please stand up. And when, io the film's closing moments, we see Scarfe frenziedly destroying the vast and violent autobiographical mural on which he has been working throughout, there is considerable ambiquity as to which of the two Scarfes he has found guilty at the end of a brief trial in which he is both judge and

CHOICE

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jury. What is more, it is unclear what the offence was. Nevertheless, although the exact destinatioo in Scarfe's voyage of selfexploration is never reached and we do oot learn the true nature of the savage fuel that powers the engines, the journey itself is full of cyeball-scorching interest. En route, he seeks directions from past and present editors for whom he has worked, and from maga-zine and film colleagues with whom he has collaborated. I don't know whether a psychiatrist could have uncovered anything of in-terest about this complex man (or men), but it might have been rewarding to find out.

 I should also like to know what the average psychiatrist, who depends oo the one-to-one consulta-

appointment with Abby. 3.25 Box Clever, Family outz game presented by Emiyn Hughes. Jimbo and the Jet Set. (r) 4.00 Difference with the Jet Set. (r) 4.00

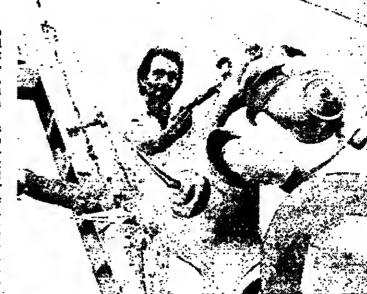
Jambo and the Jet Set. († 4.00 Philomena, with Johnny Ball 4.10 SuperTed. († 4.15 Odysseus the Greatest Hero of Them All. Tony Robinson with another tale from Greek legend 4.30 A bay in the Life...The Toad's Tale, with the voices of William Rushton and Hugh I low!

tion for a living, thinks about A Change of Mind (Channel 4, 10.30pm) because this documentary series is about communal psychotherapy. Helpers, and those needing help, sit in a circle. The help-needers unburden themselves of their problems; the helpgivers cautiously encourage them to open more doors and let in the fresh air; the fellow help-needers, who know only too well the difference that a touch of the hand can make, are there to provide a measure of comfort when the tears begin to fall, as they inevitably do. The series has now been running for five weeks, and I doo't believe that, during the whole of that time, it has once claimed that its case histories ended in a miraculous cure. But, as a layman, it strikes me that there have been unmistak-able signs of hope and, in any case, it has been a fascinating experi-

ence to watch the chains begie to drop off these deeply troubled captives and to recognize that some of their traumatic experiences (tonight's involve a mother, a son and a daughter) are, with variations, reflected in our own

• Radio choice: Jenny Ward's feature Dr Crippen's Trial (Radio 4. 11.00am) tries something newand impressively brings it off. At each stage in the reconstructed Old Bailey proceedings, a legal or forensic expert steps up to the microphone and obliges with some essential piece of analysis. What we lose in continuity, we gain in authority ... I also recom-mend David Rudkin's vigorous version of Euripides's Hippolytas (Radio 3, 9.10pm). It deserves its

Peter Davalle



Mrs Thatcher, according to Gerald Scarfe: Arena, BBC2, 9.30pm

BBC1 6.00 Ceetax AM. 6.30 News headlines followed by The Flintstones. (r) 6.55 Weather. 7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jersmy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and 8.15; and weather at 7.25, 7.45 and 8.15; and weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25. 7.55 and 8.25. 8.40 Watchdog, Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton investigate consumer complaints 2.55

Regional news and weather 9.00 News and weather 9.05 Day to Day. A topical subject is discussed by Robert Kilroy-Silk, a atudio audience, guests, and phone-in viewers 9.45 Advice Line presented by Paul Clark and Elleen Evason. 10.00 News and weather 10.05

Neighbours (r)
10.25 Phillip Schofield with children's television programme news, and birthday greetings 10.30 Ptey School. (r) 10.50 Pinny's

House.

10.55 Five to Eleven. Diana Quick with a thought for the day 11.00 News and weather 11.05 Public School. The seventh of ten programmes about life at Radley College. (r) 11.35 Open Air. Viewers' chance to comment on television programmes (includes news and weather at 12.00)

and weather at 12.00) 12.25 Domescay Detectives. Paul Cola presents the second day of the quarterfinals in the team quiz competition with questions on Britain and the British 12.55 Regional news

and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather 1.25 Neighbours. Denny is offered promotion if he moves to Canberra 1.50 King Roso. (r) 1.55 Gran. (r) 2.00 The Liver Birds. Comedy sories starring Nervis Hughes. (r) 2.30 Knots Landing, Gary breaks his dinner date with his

wife for a business

voices of William Rushton and Hugh Lloyd.
4.55 Newsround with Roger Finn 5.05 Grange Hill, Episode 20. (r) (Ceetax)
5.35 Masterbeam,
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell, Weather.
6.35 London Plus,
7.00 Wogan, Tonlght's guests include Ade Edmondson and, from Rio de Janeiro, Parker, Thunderbirds' Lady Penelope's chauffeur. Plus music from Eurythmics. music from Eurythmics.

music from Eurythmics.

7.35 'Alio 'Alio! Rene is ordered by the French resistance to steal a vintage phane for the British airmen to make their escape.(Cesfax)

8.10 Dynesty. Bleke is under attack from all sides after the fire at La Mirage not least from the scheming Alexis who files wicked allegations to the newspaper she owns.(Cesfax)

9.00 News with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Film: From Heil to Victory (1979) starring George Peppard, George Hamilton, and Cepuche. Second World War adventure that begins in 1939 in Paris where six friends meet for the last time before

meat for the last time before they find they will be on opposing sides in the conflict. Directed by Hank Milestone. International Show Jumping from the Grand Hall, Olympia. The Cognec Courvolsier Napoleon Stakes. Rhoda, Rhoda is too proud to ask for help when her husiness

hits a cash-flow problem. (r)

12.45 Weather.

Dogs being paraded before another of the night's big races at Walthamstow (Just Another Day, BBC2, 9.00pm)

BBC 2 9.00 Ceefex. 12.30 Design and Innovation. An Open University production investigating how images of new technology are created.

2.00 News and weather.
2.02 International Show Jumping from the Grand Hall, Olympia, Introduced by David Vina. (Includes news and weather at 3.00)
3.50 News and regional news and

wasther.
4.00 Pamele Armstrong. Among the guests is Keith Floyd.
4.35 Blazzard's Wonderful Wooden Toys. In this last programme of his series Richard Blizzard demonstrates his skills in making models. (r) Domesday Detectives. A

repeat of the programme shown on BBC 1 at 12.25. shown on BBC 1 at 12.25.

5.35 Getts Dance, Getts Sing. A compliation of the great numbers featured in Hollywood musicals. Among those appearing are Al Jolson, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, Carmen Mirzanda, Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presiey and Merilyn Monroe. (r)

6.25 Cricket: Third Test. Richie Benaud introduces highlights

6.25 Cricket: Third Test. Richie
Benaud introduces highlights
of the first day's play in the
match at Adelaide between
Australia and England.
6.50 Choir of the Year 1986. In St
David's Hall, Cardiff, choirs
from Wales, Exeter, and Bristol
compete for the three
remaining semifical places.

remaining semifinal places. The adjudicators are Andrew Greenwood, Eddwen Harrhy, and Owain Arwel Hughes. 7.30 Micro Live examines the httcro Live examines the phenomenon of electronic mail, the fastest-growing use of the personal computer. Electronic mail systems offer the chance for people to send written documents immediately to their offices via the telephone from

anywhere in the world.

8.00 The well. Bob Weitings meets the celebrated cartoonist, who has been humourously depicting recalcitrant ponies for the past three decades, at his home on the banks of the

River Test in Hampshire. (r)

8.30 Geing to Pot. A guide to indoor gardening. With Susan Hampshire and Geoff Hamiston. (Ceefax)

9.00 Just Another Day. John Pitman meets the punters and the runners at Waithamstow Dog Track. Arena: Scarle on Scarle. A self-portrait of Gerald Scarle,

with contributions from Richard Ingrams, Peter Cook, Harold Evans, and Roger
Waters. (see Choice)

10.30 Newsnight. The latest national and international news including autended coverage of one of the main stories of

the day.

11.15 Weather.

11.20 The Rockford Files. A case of mistaken identity leads to Jim being kidnapped instead of a federal agent. Starring James Gener (A Fiels et 12.15. Garner. (r) Ends at 12.15.

ITV/LONDON Mitov. (Oracle) 5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.

6.15 TV-sm: Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.38 and 9.00; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; carbon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.25. The After Nine guests include Russell Grant with horoscopes and the Grant with horoscopes and the winner of the best fish and chip shop competition and, at 9.17, Lizzle Wabb with exercises.

9.25 Thames news headlines Inames nems neadines followed by Christmas Village. Part one of a new cartoon serial set in the magical village where Father Christmas lives 9.35 Roger Ramjet 9.45 Struggle Beneath the Sea. How marine animals procreate.

10.05 Film: Land of the Pharacha First Land of the Pharachs (1955) starring Jack Hawkins and Joan Cohins. Ancient Egyptian intrigue with the Pharach trying to build a thief-proof tomb and his wife trying to put him there. Directed by

to put him three. Directed by Howard Hawks.

12.00 The Reggy Dolla. (r) 12.10 Rainthow. Dressing up as nursery rhyme characters.

12.30 New Way of Living, Kate Lyon, a lecturer in social work, with advice on openings for both paid and work in the work in the paid and voluntary work in the

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Themes news. 1.30 Film: The Tall Blond Man With 1.36 Film: The Tall Blond Man With the One Black Shoe (1972) starring Plerre Richerd. A comedy spy story about a secret service chief and his efforts to rid himself of his ambitious assistant. Directed by Yves Robert.

3.00 Take the High Road, Flona leaves the big house 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10

Ashbow, A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10 4.15 The Telebugs 4.25 Inspector Gadget 4.50 Worldwise. Geography quiz presented by David Jensen.

This week's contestants are Russell Hickman and Aleks

5.45 News with Alastair Stewart. 6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show with 6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show will Michael Aspel. 7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right, Game show. 7.30 Survival Special: Daphne Sheldrick and the Orphans of Tsavo. The story of a

remarkable widow who tends injured animals rescued by her late game warden husband from poachers in Tsavo (Oracle)
8.30 The Two of Us. Last in the present series of the sit-com starring Nicholas Lynchurst

starring Nicholas Lynchurst and Janet Dibley. (Oracle) 9.00 The Professionals: Foxhole on the Root. C15 agents, Bodie and Doyls, battle against entrenched and dangerous criminals armed with weapons and explosives. (r)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall

and Carol Barnes. 10.30 The London Programme investigates the problems of the capital's congested roads, and includes an interview with the Transport Minister, Peter Bottomley, Followed by LWT News headlines.

11.00 Snooker. The second semifinal of the Hofmeister World Doubles introduced by Dickle Davies from the derngate Theatre, Northampton. 12.15 Night Heat. A wedding reception photographer accidentally films a dockside murder. Giambone tries to

convince her to come forward as a witness.

1.10 Film: Jaguar Lives (1979) starring Joe Lewis. Martial arts



Daphne Shekirick photographed with her late husband David in Kenya's Tsavo National Park (ITV, 7.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

1.45 Their Lordhsips' House. A repeat of last night's highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords. Presented by Jackie Ashley.

2.00 Snooker. The opening session of the second semifinal of the Hofmeister World Doubles

Hotmeister World Doubles.
The commentators at the
Derngate Theatre,
Northampton, are John
Pulman, Dennis Taylor, Rex
Williams, Ray Edmonds, and
Mark Wildman.
4.30 Countdown. This second

4.30 Countdown. This second quarterfinal pits the number two seed, Michael Stephenson, against Maggie Barker, seeded seventh. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster, assisted by Bill Tidy as the adjudicator.

5.00 Car 54, Where Are You?

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Toody and Muldoon grapple with a gang of geriatric bank robbers. Starring Joe E Ross and Fred Gwynne.

5.30 The Tube presented by Jools Holland and Paula Yates.
Among those appearing on this week's show are Paul McCartney, Pat Shop Boys, Courtney Pane, Tina Turner, and Adam Faith.

7.00 Chamel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Beatrice Hollyer includes a report on Cunard's

includes a report on Cunard's attempt to cut labour costs on its flagship, CE2. Weather. 7.50 Book Choice, Poet and critic Alan Jenkins reviews Life is Esswhere, an early novel of Czech writer Milan Kundera, but recently published in this country for the first time. 8.00 What the Papers Say with

Julia Langdon of the Daily Mirror, 8.15 A Week in Politics presented by Nick Ross, An Interview with Nell Kimnock; and the

ults of a Week in Politics poll on which party viewers trust to make the right decisions on: unemployment, education, inflation, health matters, and housing. 9.00 Newhart. Domestic cornedy series from the United States

starring Bob Newhart. 9.30 The Great Plant Collections Roy Lencaster visits the Savill and Valley Gardens in Windsor Great Park. (r) (Oracle)

10.00 The Golden Girls. Awardwinning comedy series about four middle-aged women sharing a house on the Florida coast. Starring Bea Arthur, Betty White, Rue McClanahan, and Estelle Getty

10.30 A Change of Mand: Mother, Daughter: Mother, Son. Programme five of the six-part series on osychotherapy. (see

series on psychotherapy, (see Choice) (Oracle) 11.30 Film: L'Amour Viole (1977) starring Nathalie Nell. The study of the effect of a brutal

study of the effect of a brutal rape by four young men on a nurse, and of her determination to find those responsible in order to understand the deeper meaning of the crime they inflicted upon her. Directed by Yannick Bellon, Ends at 1.38.

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Die Dubarry: Schwarzkopf, seprano and the Phisharmonia), Grieg (Cowfoseper's Tune and Country Dance, Norwegian Melody No 2: National PO), Honegger (Symphonic poem: Pastorate d'été: Bavarian RSO), Scarlatti (Sonata In G, Kk 477: Dreyfts, harpsichord), Jenacek (Cunning Little Vixen suite: Czech PO). 8.00 News

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8.05 Cencert (contd): J C
Bach (Quinter in D, Op 22
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piano), La regata veneziana (Anne-Marie veneziana (Anne-Marie Rodde, soprano and Noel Lee, piano), Fantasy (Bradbury, clarinet, and Oliver Davies, piano), Une caresse a ma femme (Ciccolini, piano), 10.00 Langham Chamber Orchestra (under Nicholas Kraemer), Boyce (Overture to the New

Year Ode), Vivaidi (Concerto in A, RV 546; Hirons, violin; and Healey, callo), Handel (Concerto Grosso in B flat, Op 3 No 2) 10.35 Duets for soprano, tenor: Wendy Eathorne with Michael Goldthorpe (tenor), and Geoffrey Prattey (pieno)... Kodaly's Eight little duets, and Dvorak's Four Moravian Duets, Op 20. Also Fauré's Puisqu'ici bas; Pieurs d'or; Cantique

11.10 Paganini and Schubert: Gifford (guitar), Messiter (flute), Biume (viola), De Saram (ceilo), Paganini (Trio No 5 in D major), attrib Schubert (Quartet in G

12.10 Concert BBC 12.10 ConcertBBC
Philharmonic (under Turnovsky), with Martin Roscos (piano). Part one. Schumann (Julius Caesar overture). Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5). 1.00 News
1.05 Concert Suk (A fairy tale suite). suite)
1.35 Scarlatti Sonatas:

(harpsichord). Includes the G minor, Kk 4, and the C minor, Kk 22. 2.05 Eigar: LPO play the Symphony 3.00 Currents from a Northern Land: Danish music.
Ruders (String Quartet No 3,
Motet), Hojsgaard (The
surflower), Hens
Abrahamsen (String
Quartet No 1). Played by
Kontra Quartet

Martin Jarvis as Chaucer in Terence Tiller's version of Chaucer's Book of the Duchess and The House of Fame
4.00 Choral Vespers: from
Westminster Cathedral. Westminster Cathedral.
4.55 News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: with
Rodney Slatford
6.30 Northern Sinfonia (under
Meredith Davies). Gretry

3.45 Ledies Lost and Found:

(Zemire et Azor suite), Roussel (Petite Suite), Honegger (Symphony No 4) 7.30 Beethoven and Shostakovich:
Chilingirian String Quartet,
with Clifford Benson
(piano). Part one. Beethoven
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95), Shostakovich (Quartet

8.15 An End to Nostalgia: The Anglo-American relationship. Talk by Edmund trons, Reader in Politics, York University 8.35 Recital (continued): Shostakovich (Piano Quintet in G minor, Op 57)

9.10 Hippolytus: David Rudkin's version of the drama by Euripides. With Stan Phillips, Anton Lesser, Norman Rodway, Constance Chapman 11.10 Carl Maria von Weber: Martin Roscoe (piano

plays Sonata No 3 in D minor, Op 49. Also Mendelssohn's Fentasy in F sharp minor, Op 2u; and Schumann's Arabaske 11.57 News, 12.00 Music 12.25 Test Match: Third Test. Second day. Ends 2.35.

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Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8 Your Letters 8.57 Weather; Travel 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Jackie Collins, writer of spicy and popular romantic novels, and sister of Joan Collins, is the castaway on Michael Parkinson's island. (r) (s) 9.45 Feedback Comments,

complaints and queries about the BBC. 10.00 News; International Assignment: BBC correspondents report

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for murder in 1910.
Jenny Ward, criminologist,
looks at the case,
assisted by eminent crime assisted by eminent crime historians and forensic axperts. With Bob Sherman John Church as Inspector Dew.

11.48 The Enchanted Canopy: Andrew Mitchell explores the rainforest canopy. Programme, with Derek Cooper.

12.27 Delve Special: A Rocket for Defence. The taxpayers contribution to new nuclear weenone. 12.00 News; The Food

With David Lander, 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World At One. News 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; Woman's Hour from Manchester, with Helen Boaden. Includes items on the most

haunted house in England. and the human face of destitution in the North West. Also the final episode of Circles in a Forest. 3.00 News; Pendennis by William Makepeace Thackeray (s), Penultimate episode. With Hugh Dickson and Dominic Guard. 4.05 The News Huddlines:
Roy Hudd leughs at the
news with June Whitfield,
Chris Emmett and the
Huddliners (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Last
night's edition, repeated.
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Taking it all In, and the
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James McFarlane from
Bristol. With John Timpson
In the chair.

9.30 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke. 9.45 Kalekloscope, Includes King Lear at the National Theatre, Menotti opers at Sadler's Wells, and the Nuteracker, danced in

Nuttracker, danced in Plymouth by the London Festival Ballet. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Fall of Kelvin Walker, by Alasdair Gray. The reader is Bill Patterson.

10.29 Weather 11.00 Today in Parliament 11.15 The Financial World Torright 11.30 Week Ending. Setirical

review of the week's
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Yorkshire smear campaign ends career for Boycott

Yorkshire last September, has turned down the offer of a two-year contract with Derby-shire, a decision which virtually ensures his 25-year first class career is over.

The opening batsman, aged 46, refused to sign after an undignified attempt to start a whispering campaign against his continued membership of the Yorkshire committee, upon which he represents the akefield constituency.

Not happy with dismissing their most productive batsman, successful captain since 1969 and controversial character, some members of the committee, among them the Viscount Mountgarret, the president, expressed the view that if Boycott continued in play first class cricket he should be disbarred from standing for election. There were even moves afoot to change the rules, drawn up less than a year ago, to effect his

Geoff Boycott, sacked by door to Headingley next month under Doug Padgett,

the county coach, was understandably annoyed at the cluh's attitude and said yesterday: "The committee are obsessed with Geoff Boycott and seem totally preoccupied with getting me ont of the cluh. They would be better occupied putting their energies into other things, having lost a major sponsor and £20,000 and facing a £40,000 deficit on the current account.

"There is no doubt that some members tried to stir up potential opposition to me if I played for another county and I have told Derbyshire that, although I am very grateful for their offer, I am unable to

The former England bats-man and still the leading Test run scorer is not likely to join any other county and added: "I have no other plans at the moment.

While he is in Australia for the Ashes series, the election Boycott, who is a firm supporter of the new £425,000 indoor cricket school of eight nets which will be opened next whom Boycott beat 203-147

three years ago. "My first love has always been Yorkshire cricket and, as any Yorkshireman will understand, it is an emotional thing. I want to be involved with the cricket school and basically carry on serving the club." Half the costs for country's

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largest cricket school of 14,300 sq ft has been provided by the Sports Council, Leeds City Council and the former West Yorkshire Metropolitan authority. But while firms are asked to sponsor each net at £12,500 for five years and Yorkshire's 11,000 members will be asked to buy a brick at £10 each to ensure the school's future, the future of one of their favourite sons is less

Only one thing seems cer-tain: the Ynrkshire public will certainly take a dim view of the latest attempt to expel Boycott who undoubtedly has a great deal still to offer the first class game. It seems churlish to sack a man and then prevent him from play-ing elsewhere on penalty of being thrown out of a club he



Handing over the reign: Ian Botham (right) with some advice for James Whitaker

Strain finally tells on Botham From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Adelaide

One ball, thrown at him under-arm from no more than a few yards at the Adelaide sional medium-pace. It is not batsmen being injured if he was to get a Test match. When Botham broke down in Perth a few yards at the Adelaide Oval yesterday morning, was the first time England have enough to decide Botham that the strained muscle in his rih cage would prevent him from taking any part in the third Test match against Australia and Yardley had only Ikin in starting here this morning. His place at No 6 in the order was given tn James Whitaker, this being the only change from the

side who won in Brisbane and England seem to have decided some days ago that in the event of Botham being match. unable to play they would rather weaken the bowling than the batting when replac- through no fault of his own,

Whitaker undaunted

The responsibility of replac- Malcolm Marshall broke ing Ian Botham is a daunting bones in both his hands. task for James Whitaker, but the Ynrkshireman will perhaps recall how his typically during his Uppingham audacious maiden century in 1984 was made after be denied Botham a hat-

Like Botham, Whitaker's expansive style can often be unorthodox, and in common with his Leicestershire mentor, Brian Davison, he firmly believes the ball is there to be

Whitaker's exceptionally good eye produced much memorable clean hitting last ummer, when he recorded 1.526 runs at an average of mid-season setback when ful and talented competitors.

gone into an Adelaide Test match with only four regular bowlers. They did it in 1946 when Bedser, Edrich, Wright

dom dropped below the century; but Bedser bowled Bradman for nought, Yardley bowled 31 economical eight-

The time had come on this present tour when Whitaker, ing him. Gatting is therefore was relying on one of the other

> Yet such self-confidence bas schooldays by careful coach-

batting loyalists Les Berry and Maurice Hallam. It was there, too, that a hard streak of determination was instilled in Simply being chosen for the Australian tour was an enormous thrill, but with the

unexpected bonus of a Test opportunity Whitaker will be able to display his voracious the credentials which earned him his place in the party

Whitaker's form, and Slack's,

relevant.
Basing his views of the way Whitaker has made his runs against Somerset, Peter Rochuck already rates him as the best batsman in the England party. That is some reference. He could be a lot less fortunate, too, in the time and place at which be finds himself

hecame instantly more

England team

B C Broad, C W J Athey,

M W Gatting, A J Lamb, D I
Gower, J J Whitaker, †C J
Richards, P A J DeFreitas, J
E Emburey, P H Edmonds and

playing his first Test match. He has already made a hundred on the ground, against South Australia last month (this influenced his selection ahead of Slack); it looks a very good pitch, and it is not as though he will be greeted by Thomson at one end and Lillee at the other.

Even so, it is quite a situation for a young man, the bairn of the party, to find himself in. One thing for sure, the bloke taking Botham's place has mighty hig shoes to fill," Border said, Whitaker sees himself not as Botham's substitute, but there to do his best by his own lights. He is amhitious, confident and, in the best sense, calculating. And should he do well it will be an incentive to the senior players, particularly Lamb, whose average in 23 overseas Test matches is only

Whitaker is 24. He went to school at Uppingham and before that at Malsis in Yorkshire. The last Uppinghamian to play for England was Ag-new, and before that A P F Chapman. There were others long ago: Gregor MacGregor, who played in the Adelaide Test match of 1892; S S Schultz, a fast round-arm bowler, who played at Mel-bourne in 1879; and Clem Wilson, brother of Rockley (of Winchester College fame and himself a Test cricketer) won a couple of caps in South Africa

coaching of H H Stephenson, who had played for All-England before England ners of each 20nal group will played. Whitaker came under the supervision of Maurice Smith, wi Hallam when he was at no reason to suppose Benson

I mention that Whitaker's parents are in Adelaide, because of the experience of Roh Barber's father, who, having landed in Australia in the early morning of January 7, 1966, went straight to the Hill at Sydney, queued to get in and watched his unknowing son make 185. With Gower and DeFreitas, as well as Whitaker, playing today, Leicestershire have three representatives in the same England Test side for the first

Four-day matches voted in by board

Four-day county champion-ship matches will be played for the first time in England in 1988, the Test and County Cricket Board decided at their winter meeting at Lord's yesterday. Each county will play six four-day matches, in addi-tion to 16 over three days. This format will be kept for at least three years.

The change, described as "radical" by Alan Smith, chief executive-designate of the TCCB, was overwhelmingly backed by the first class counties, who voted 15-2 in favour. The NatWest Trophy and the Refuge Assurance lt was said that Clem Wilson owed a lot, while at
Uppingham, to the brilliant
Compliant of L. I. Son the state of the st be the sponsors) will have no

Smith, who said there was and Hedges would withdraw over this curtailment of their competition, said he expected the four-day matches would be played at the beginning and end of the season, mostly on weekdays. Each county will play three matches on its home grounds and three away.

The changes are seen as a compromise over the Palmer Report, which advocated eight four-day matches and fewer one-day matches. "We would hope techniques and abilities would improve through fourday cricket and that there will

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be a greater premium on bowling sides out." Smith said. No decision has been reached over possible changes in the bonus-points system or

the covering of pitches, Next season, the Combined Universities side that will contest the Benson and Hedges Cup will encompass players from all British universities, although Oxford and Cambridge will continue to provide the venues.

The TCCB are to make two proposals to the International Cricket Conference for consideration at their meeting next summer. They suggest that for Tests, bouncers will be limited to one an over, with only one warning given. Support for that is expected from Australia. The other proposal is that bowlers' run-ups be limited to 30 yards. Recommendations to phase

out the ruling which permits counties to play two overseas players if they were registered before November 28, 1978 will be discussed further next In 1988, England will play

five Test matches and three one-day internationals against the West Indies and one Test match against Sri Lanka Brian Shaw, general man-ager of Britannic Assurance,

sponsors of the County Championship, said: "We welcome the experiment of four-day cricket as a very positive development.

Taylor and Griffiths, who had built a big advantage in

the sixth frame, saw their

prosperity slip away as White

and then Higgins issued chal-

lenges. But Higgins and White, conceding 21 penalty points in the deciding frame,

fell into numerous traps, pa-

tience not being either player's

VUITUE.
RESULTS: Commiss-fissal: O Taylor (NI) and T Griffiths (Wates) bt J White (Eng) and A Huggins (NI) 5-4. Frame scores (Taylor and Griffiths straft 63-21. 69-35, 31-78. 76-28, 54-58, 48-57, 15-84, 7-82, 62-20. Semi-finat: M Healett (Eng) and S Hendry (Sco) lead J Virgo (Eng) and K Stevens (Can) 5-2. Frame scores (Hallett and Hendry Bratt-14-88, 76-47, 1-94, 120-8, 72-35, 77-58, 71-12.

Witherspoon spars with all the King's men

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, New York

King the promoter, for questioning the deal King's son Carl secured for him from King senior, that his ears will stridently accusing words long after the fists of James Bonecrusher Smith have finished their pounding at Madison Square Garden tonight that is if Witherspoon's title defence is not knocked out by legal wrangles that have been going on for the last two days. The bout was still in doubt late last evening because of a row over contracts between Witherspoon and Don King, his manager and the

After two days of negotiations the two parties were as far apart as before and Witherspoon's lawyer, Dennis Richard, said: "There is no fight unless the promoter makes a new contract. King maintained that the contract was valid in the state of New York and that he had no intentinn of releasing Witherspoon from it.

For almost two hours on Wednesday morning, when he should have been preparing himself mentally for his title defence, Witherspoon had to listen to the outpourings of the most powerful man in boxing from the sidelines of a Press conference. The champion then had to attend negotiations between his lawyer, Dennis Richard, and King's men that lasted well into the

Talking to an empty chair

The last time the champion's chair was empty at a King Press conference was last April when Holmes refused to attend. King, with his usual flair, kept talking to the empty chair. "All right, champ? You hear that, champ?" This time, with his £11/2

million show on Friday night and his multi-million dollar world heavyweight title uni-fication series in danger, he unhurdened himself. Looking distinctly pale because of a violently rude interruption by Mitch Green, a fighter, who chased King out of the Garden's Hall of Fame into the kitchen screaming "I'm going to break your neck", he Press, and those who tried to stop the rise and rise of Don King "from sub-zero." He even raised Witherspoon's fee from \$250,000 to \$300,000 to make the differential between the fighters a little more respectable. Bonecrusher is receiving \$230,000.

King is an accomplished speaker. What he says does not always make sense but you know what he means. "There are piranahs who circle a fight camp... Witherspoon has so many friends telling him what to do, Einstein would have to battle them off with a Freudian concept... You think a lawyer is a big bad guy whose going to pounce upon me and year of upsets.

Tim Witherspoon, the get me 10 give away my World Boxing Association money... I've got a \$1.1 hillion nut and that includes the party such an ear-bashing from Don I'm going to throw after the fight, if there is a fight... You got \$30,000-\$40.000 worth of tickets sold in the box office that shows you how popular continue to be assailed by the stridently accusing words long the boxers are. Unless this Press conference sells tickets. not the fight, you are going to have nobody in the Garden hut you and me... No more lovey dovey arms around the

shnulders. It was just the stuff for the troops but hardly for fighters. King dug deep into American constitution, the Bible and Shakespeare, so much so that when Witherspoon's attorney rose to speak he too opened with the quote from the heavyweight from Stratford-on-Avon: "The lady doth protest too much." he said.

While the Shenanigans of this week had left Witherspoon mentally drained by the end of ...
Wednesday evening he had gathered himself. His close friend and head trainer, Slim Rohinson, said: "If the fight goes on, no way can Timmy lose to Bonecrusher because Timmy is not fighting Bonecrusher now, he is fighting Don King, I know it has been a strain for him hut he's in good shape and will beat Bonecrusher again.

The last time Witherspoon had a row with King was three years ago. Witherspoon said: "I am so mad I did not train at all. To hell with them. Either I will knock him out or I'm in trouble." Witherspoon knocked out Tillis in one

But his second trainer. Whit Lowery was sceptical about the outcome of the fight. He helieved that hecause Witherspoon's original oppo-nent, Tony Tuhbs could not fight because of a shoulder injury Witherspoon should have gone through to beat Mike Tyson in the heavy-weight series. "Why should Timmy fight Bonecrusher he said. "He has already beaten him. A fighter has got to have something to shoot for. Bonecrusher is nothing to shoot for. It could be a bad fight for Timmy on Friday.

Best class opposition

Witherspoon, who can give Tyson a fight, even beat him, should prove too experienced for Smith. Witherspoon has met better class opposition. He beat Greg Page to win the WBC title, lost it to Pinklon Thomas, and won the WBA title from Tubbs.

Smith is a realist. He realizes he has much to learn but has developed a confidence in himself after three straight wins against Mike Weaver, Jesse Ferguson and David Bey. Under the direction of the former world middleweight champion, Emile Griffith, he hopes that he can cause yet another upset in this



Neck: 17½in Wrist: 9in Fist: 12in

Smith

Graham is next

pean middleweight champion from Sheffield and leading contender for Marvin Hagler's world title will head the hill at the King's Hall, Belfast, on Saturday, January 17 against Charlie Boston, from New Jersey, who recently stopped Errol Christie in eight rounds

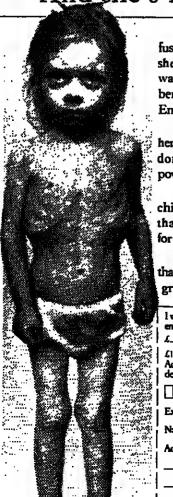
in London. Boston has only lost three fights out of 15 and is rated in the top five by both the WBA and the WBC. The bout will be over ten rounds.

Graham, who boasts an unbeaten professional record of 37 wins, 20 of them inside the distance, has a point to weight c prove to Belfast boxing McGuigan

vious appearance in the city he nutpointed a nondescrip American 12 months ago and was most unimpressive. On that occasion Graham's opponent was a trainee chef. Sandeline Williams who, with

sporadic hursts of aggression that were never enough to carry the fight, proved a troublesome opponent. It will be the first King's Hall promotion by the Eastwood organisation for 15 months and is a measure of the determination to keep boxing alive in the city even without former world featherweight champion Barry

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Hallett and Hendry break new ground terday, Hallett and Hendry led By Sydney Friskin

Mike Hallett and Stephen Hendry, the crowd's new favourites, became the latest aspirants for the £4,000 highest-combined-break prize in the Hofmeister world doubles championship at Northampton yesterday.

In their 17-frame semi-final gainst John Virgo and Kirk Stevens, Hallett made a 106 clearance in the fourth frame and Hendry 48 in the sixth for a total of 154, which beat the 152 by Steve Davis and Tnny Meo. At the interval yes-

ATHLETICS

Athletes want

life bans for

drug abuse

Lausanne (Reuter) - The Olympic Athletes' Commis-sion yesterday arged the Inter-national Olympic Committee to ban for life athletes caught

to ban for life athletes caught using illegal drugs.

After a 90-minute meeting, Britain's Olympic 1,500 metres champion, Sebastian Coe, said that the 13-member Commission felt strongly that any athlete found using illegal drugs should be banned from international snort for life.

international sport for life.

Ken Read, the Canadian

downhill skier, who was also a

member of the Commission,

which was set up in 1981 to

epresent athletes' views in

Olympic deliberations, told reporters that the IOC had

been asked to introduce ran-

"Some athletes have ex-

pressed concern that this

Hallett's 106 enabled him to

square the match at 2-2 and pull back the advantage Virgo had established with hreaks of 54 and 30 for a 2-1 lead.

Hendry and Hallett had some of their best moments in the fifth frame, in which hreaks of 35 by Hendry and 34 by Hallett shot them into a 3-2 lead, which they soon extended to 5-2.

In the process, there was that crucial 48 break by Hendry and a 71 by Hallett,

The West German women's

open tennis tournament in West Berlin plans to become the third most important

European competition after

Wimbledon and the French

Open. West Berlin have app-

lied to the Women's Inter-national Professional Tennis

Council (WIPTC) to double

prize money to \$300,000 (about £211,270) from 1988,

but face strong competition from a new \$200,000 tour-

nament being launched in

Internazionale Milan's

third round second leg Euro-

pean Football Union (UEFA)
Cup match with Dukla
Prague, abandoned because of

bad visibility on Wednesday

night, was again yesterday due to more fog. Club officials were meeting UEFA repre-

sentatives to arrange a new date for the fixture.

Internazionale won the first

Hamburg.

would be an intrusion on leg 1-0 in Prague two weeks individual rights and privacy, ago and were leading 1-0 with a goal from Karl-Heinz participation in the Olympics

participation in the Olympics Rummenigge when thick fog is a privilege, not a right."

Fog rules

Berlin push

whose fluency throughout the afternoon captivated the

Davis and Meo, the holders and winners on three previous occasions, must prepare for a game of patience when they meet Dennis Taylor and Terry Griffiths in the second semifinal today.

Jimmy White and Alex Higgins had put their own cards on the table all too late on Wednesday night and were beaten 5-4 in the quarter-finals after they had come back from 1-4 to 4-4.

SPORT IN BRIEF



Dusty Hare, who arrives back from Saudi Arabia at Sam tomorrow, dashes straight from Gatwick Airport to captain Leicester against Blackheath in the absence of Les Cusworth who is representing the Midlands in the divisional championship.

Hare's dash

Lour increase Next year's Tour of Spain cycle race will be increased by 250 kilometres to 3,900 km with entries up from 170 to

200. The 23-stage event starts

in Benidorm on April 23, finishing in Madrid on May

New chairman Jonathan Crisp, the milof Colchester United. Crisp, son of a former South African Test cricketer, joined the board two years ago and is the principal shareholder. He succeeds Maurice Cadman, chairman for the past five years, who will be the club's first ever life president.

Marathon cash

More than £500,000 will be invested in next year's Mars London marathon by Tandem Computers. The company were named yesterday as official computer sponsor for the race for the second time. Tandem Computers Inc, the American parent company, are to sponsor the Los Angeles marathon for the first time in

Good Gollogly

Anne Gollogly, the former England basketball captain, now a Redcar schoolteacher. has been appointed assistant coach of England's women

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Herol Graham, the Euro- followers. On his only pre-